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STEADY GREEK PUSH SHAPING INTO DEFINITE THREAT ON VALONA: DOUBLE ASSAULT STRATEGY OF GEN. METAXAS

Huge Quantities Of War Material Taken

THE LATEST REPORTS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN FRONT SHOW THAT IN ALBANIA THE SLOW BUT STEADY PUSH BY THE GREEKS IS SHAPING INTO A DEFINITE THREAT ON VALONA. STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The Greek drive has swept up another large number of prisoners and huge quantities of war material. Some of the Greeks are fighting on skis.

The strategy of General Metaxas, Prime Minister, seems to be taking the form of a double assault—the first by driving up the coast from Chirmarra and the second in a push against Berat.

The Greeks are still some 16 miles away from Berat but in winter weather this is considered a difficult advance.

The fall of Valona will be the heaviest blow that the Italians will have suffered in this campaign.

"Playing With Fire"

The whole weight of German propaganda has been thrown into an attack against President Roosevelt.

After a long period of silence, the German Radio gathered itself yesterday and hurled such epithets as "Playing with Fire," "Propaganda Trickery" and "Clumsy Propaganda."

In trying to refute the President's charge that Germany was seeking world domination, the broadcast quoted a speech by Hitler in which he said, "Even if we have no gold we have the German working power with which we shall beat the capital world."

The broadcast complains that this shows that Hitler had never planned world domination. These vigorous attacks on the President showed plainly that the Germans are aware of the strength of his speech and that it has aroused world approval.

FUEHRER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO TROOPS

Heir Hitler has sent a New Year message to his troops, states a London message.

He said that 1941 will bring victory on the Western Front.

"I know that each one of you will do your duty," said the Nazi Fuehrer. "God will help a man who is determined to defend himself with a firm and stout heart."

In London, this declaration is looked upon with interest from two points—

1. That Herr Hitler has reached a decision that victory will have to be decided on the Western Front;

2. That Germany knows she has aroused the anger of the world and must defend herself.

Herr Hitler's recognition of this great change is regarded as significant.

A large number of French Socialists have managed to smuggle out of France a message to the people of Britain, adds the London message.

FREEDOM OF WORLD

The message states that French Socialists are convinced that England is fighting for the freedom of the whole world against the campaign of slavery that Hitlerism represents.

"We greet the people of England with profound admiration," continues the message which goes on to admit that the downfall of democracy in France was brought about by the weakness of the Socialist Party, but that with renewed energy, Socialism will be able to accomplish its former ideals.

**GREETINGS FROM
SIR GEOFFREY**

The following telegram, which has been received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, from His Excellency Sir G. A. S. Northcote, K.C.M.G., is published for general information: 24th Dec. 1940.

Please accept on behalf of yourself and all in the Colony my warmest good wishes for Christmas and 1941.

1941 Will Be "Victory Year" For China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31. (Reuters)—The news that the United States may release 400 aircraft to China was splashed under big headlines in all the papers.

Chinese circles are staging a big celebration of the "New Year," calling it a "Victory Year."

500 TRAINING PILOTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (Reuters)—The HERALD-TRIBUNE reports that the United States may release about 400 pursuit planes and a number of bombers including six Boeing flying fortresses, to the Chungking Government has aroused considerable interest here.

It is reliably reported here that China has at least 1,000 training pilots in readiness, awaiting the planes, and are capable of taking care of the Japanese bombers which threaten the lines of supply and communications.

It is reported here that the Japanese are now using German type of planes manufactured in Japan from designs sent from Berlin, but it is reported that the American planes going to China can be a match for these Messerschmitts.

WOOLTON SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW YEAR

"In the coming year we shall have to do with less meat," stated Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, when he broadcast on Monday in the course of a talk in which he suggested New Year resolutions to housewives.

He asked the people to reduce their consumption of bread and to eat more potatoes.

Another suggestion was that people should give up some important breakfast foods for a good old breakfast of porridge, because Britain had plenty of oats growing at home.

World Aroused By Ghoulish Conduct Of The Luftwaffe

There were no air operations either over Britain or over Germany on Monday, states a London message. Bad weather was responsible for this lull.

There is however considerable anger and disgust over the fierce raids on London on Sunday night and this is reflected in American and British Press comments.

The NEW YORK TIMES says that incendiaries were obviously sent down to burn out old London at the end of the year. It was, no doubt, a last attempt to destroy the heart of London after failure for four months to destroy its spirit.

The bombs which fell on London fell mainly on a part which was destroyed by the Great Fire in 1666 and just as the city rose from its ruins then so it will rise again.

BARBAROUS ATTACK

In London, the newspapers lay stress on the ferocity and the barbarity of this attack.

It was obviously aimed at destruction, says the DAILY TELEGRAPH, and the myth of attacking military objectives is dead forever.

The Nazi purpose was to destroy. The DAILY EXPRESS speaks of the ghoulish conduct of this German air force in this attack.

THE TIMES says that there was no particular reason for this attack.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST speaks of the ghoulish character of this attack.



Standing by one of the A.A. guns that would help to repel any aerial attack on Gibraltar.

50,000 JAPANESE MASSSED IN CANTON

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31. (Reuters)—Speculation has been aroused here over the reported concentration of Japanese forces in the vicinity of Canton and since no major Japanese operations in Northern Kwangtung are in sight, the troops may be massing in preparation for an advance against Hongkong, probably by attacking the Kowloon area.

It is stated that a Japanese attack against Hongkong may be timed with the new Axis move in Europe and the forthcoming Japanese attack on southern French Indo-China. Benevolence, planning along the Thailand border has been considered especially significant.

While the exact figure of the Japanese concentrations near Canton are not available, it is learned that at least 50,000 men have been massed there during the last fortnight.

Some reports from the Kwangtung front estimate the number of troops at between 100,000 to 200,000 men, but it is thought that the lower figure of 50,000 is more reliable.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAIN ANSWER TO FEW IN THE UNITED STATES WHO STILL THINK OF APPEASEMENT

British Cause Taken Up As America's Own

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH SETS OUT THE REASON WHY THE UNITED STATES, in the interests of security, must offer every office of munitions and supplies to help those who are in the front line of the battle against world conquest, states a London message, in quoting an article written in THE TIMES.

This article in THE TIMES represents the warm satisfaction with which the speech has been hailed in Britain.

Mr. Roosevelt gave a very plain answer to the few in the United States who still think of appeasement.

The President pointed out that experience has proved that nations can only have peace with the Nazis by total surrender.

There can be no appeasement with incendiary bombs.

The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN states that the President declared with greater force than ever before just where the United States stands in this war. His speech showed that the United States has taken up the British cause as her own and his speech was a call to concentrated effort.

TRUMPET CALL

The DAILY TELEGRAPH describes the speech as sounding the trumpet call to action.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST makes a single phrase in the President's speech which sums up the duty of the United States today and tomorrow and as long as it needs arms to become the main support of Britain in her fight against Nazi Germany.

"We said Herr Hitler won't like it, but it has been the achievement of Mr. Roosevelt," said a United States worker that their own security depends on a British victory.

In the United States, long voices have been raised against the President's speech. This was by Senator Wheeler, who says that the idea of a Nazi attack on the United States is fantastic and calls for an immediate peace.

15 British Ships Sunk

The Admiralty announced that for the week ending Dec. 22, the number of ships sunk were 15 of a total tonnage of 45,000, states a London message.

Fifteen of these were British, and under 30,000 tons.

For the fortnight ended Dec. 22, 109 enemy planes were downed against 23 British planes, states a London message.

**INCREASED
FIGHTING ABILITY
OF SINO ARMY**

MOSCOW, Dec. 31. (Reuters)—The fighting ability of the Chinese Army has increased in the past year, declares the Soviet paper, Pravda, today.

Pravda says that the increase in the fighting ability of the Chinese Army has been the result of the training of the Chinese Army by the Soviet Army.

Pravda says that the Chinese Army has been trained by the Soviet Army in the use of modern weapons and tactics.

**MR. ANTHONY EDEN
WIRES THANKS**

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31. (Central)—The Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Anthony Eden, expressing thanks for its congratulatory wire on his appointment as British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

It was rumoured yesterday that Mr. T. V. Soong is to return shortly from the United States, to report to the Chungking Government, and will not be proceeding to England.

It was rumoured yesterday that Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Commission in America,



HOW the French Empire would be served by Germany, Italy and Spain under the German plan for a new world order is shown in this map.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

SCOTLAND GAVE CHINA SHOCK OF LIVES

Portugal Had Hard Luck: League Encounters

BY "PILAT"

The best performance in the past week under review was the victory of SCOTLAND over CHINA (holders) in the semi-final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup on Christmas Day. Thumped to win the cup for yet another year the much-fancied Chinese eleven. Given the shock of their lives when the four Scots fought back a deficit of three goals at the interval to win by the odd goal in eleven.

Chief credit for this unexpected victory must go to the Scottish defence which, after a rather shaky start, settled down to play a great game to check the strong Chinese attack which managed to score only twice in the second half in reply to the Scots' five goals.

NAYSMITH and FRASER defended stoutly but praise must go to the halves, especially FALCONER who gave fans the unusual sight of a subdued LEE WAITONG. The Scots' attack gave a rousing display and though they lacked the fine touches of the Chinese they more than made up this with their resourcefulness. HOWLETT was in great form and scored a "hat-trick."

The Chinese played as well as was expected. In fact, in the opening stages, they gave indications of a runaway victory but their defence, under the constant rushes of the Scots forwards, became rattled in the second half and allowed the Scots to assume the upper hand. All in all, Scotland were full value for their win and are congratulated on downing the all-powerful Chinese eleven.

PORTUGAL UNLUCKY

In the other semi-final PORTUGAL put up a much better fight than was expected and were unlucky to be beaten by ENGLAND by the odd goal in five. A great contributing factor to their defeat was the injury of A.V. GOSANO, the mainstay of the team, early in the game. For up till then the Portuguese were more than holding their own. They had to play with four forwards and this proved a great handicap against the steady defensive work of ROUGHLEY and FRESHWATER.

England held a decided advantage in the forward where they combined better together. LE PAGE, HENDY and SAW forming a dangerous inside trio. What they lacked in weight and height the Portuguese forwards made up with nippliness, most of the danger coming from CAMPOS and GOMES.

Had Portugal not lost "A.V." and had they possessed a front line with better scoring ability, there might have been yet another upset in the International Cup. As it was the advantage held by England in the forward line turned the tables on their Portuguese opponents.

LEAGUE MATCHES

Although there was a full programme of League matches over the week-end the results brought no changes in the League standings, all the leading teams taking full points.

EASTERN though they won by two clear goals, were not as superior as the scorers would suggest. Giving their now usual first half spurt Eastern were, without doubt, the better side but in the second half they were hard put to keep their lead. Had the Scots' forwards shown better understanding and more accuracy in their shooting they might have turned the tide when they were slowly having the better of the Chinese eleven.

NAYSMITH and FRASER, who seem to have lost their form earlier in the season, have shown great improvement lately. Their covering of each other was an object lesson in defence, both kicking a good length.

POOR DISPLAY

The belief that KOWLOON, on the home ground, may prove SOUTH CHINA'S "bogey" did not come true, the former gave a poor display and only the brilliant keeping of LAPSLEY, who saved a penalty from Lee Wai-tong, prevented a heavier defeat.

Since WILLIAMSON has been absent, Kowloon's defence, which has stood them so well this season, appears to have gone to pieces while their forward line has shown no improvement.

A GOOD FIGHT

MIDDLESEX and NAVY had a good fight at Sookunpoo the military side winning by the odd goal in five. The teams were evenly matched by the "Diehards" possessed a stronger intermediate line who had the full measure of the Navy forwards.

In attack, also, Middlesex showed better combination Navy working as individuals rather than as a

whole. There was little to choose between the two pair of backs and both goalkeepers were confident in their handling, JACKSON impressing with his coolness after a long "lay-off."

SCRAPPY MATCH

A scrappy encounter was seen at the Valley when CLUB beat ST. JOSEPH'S by the only goal scored by FOWLER. With neither side showing much combination the standard, on the whole, was very poor. The Saints staged a rally in the latter stages but found that they had left things rather late.

Giving a rousing display between the sticks, SAMMY TSANG was a great measure responsible for keeping the score down but despite his efforts and that of the defence, Saints' forwards were too weak against a fairly strong Club defence.

BETTER FORM

Showing better form than in last few matches SING TAO gave an all-round improved display in beating KWONG WAH by four clear goals on Club ground on Sunday.

HAU YUNG-SANG and LEE TUN-SANG, Sing Tao's backs, were in irresistible form, and so were the intermediate line, and between them had the Kwong Wah's forwards well in hand. The forwards, also, showed more cohesion in their movements but YEUNG SHIU-YICK, who appeared to lack practice, was weak on the left and was only a shadow of what he was a few years back.

C.C.C. ELEVEN FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent the C.C.C. on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m.—

1st XI (Away) v H.K.C.C.—E. Zimmern (Capt.), F.J. Billmoira, T.H. Edgar, E.H. Esmail, A.B. Hamson, A.J. Hulce, A.K. Ismail, E.J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J.L. Young Saye, H. G. Foreman (Reserve).
2nd XI (Home) v Police.—A.M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U.H. Esmail, A. Hung, C.W. Lam, E.A. Lee, J.W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U.M. Omar, W.K. Way, O.M. Omar (Reserve), L. Choa (Reserve).

Starting Times For Fanling Today.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling today are as follows:—

OLD COURSE

9.16 B. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow
9.20 D. L. Prophet and A. H. McBride.
9.24 W. J. Richards and R. P. Morris.
9.28 G. T. Lowry and H. G. Sheldon.
9.32 I. H. Geare and J. A. Parrish.
9.36 J. M. and J. D. Thomson.
9.40 P. Cox and A. V. Greaves.
9.44 G. M. Park and A. W. Bourne.
9.48 Col. Rose and F. A. Redmond.
9.52 Lieut. Carter and Capt. Thursby.
9.56 Capt. Barclay and J. G. Jensen.

NEW COURSE

9.24 Mrs. Rowell and J. C. Brown.
10.20 A. A. and Mrs. Bremner.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BILLIARDS.—Garrison League: C. M. Price v. 12th Heavy Regt; Signals v. R.A.O.C.; R.E. v. Royal Scots; R.A.S.C. v. 5th A.A. Regt.

FOOTBALL.—Charity Match in aid of B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund, Rest v. Combined Chinese (Sookunpoo), 3.45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
CRICKET.—"R" Division: Cral-gengow v. Police, Indian R.C. v. Kowloon O.C., Civil Service v. Recreation.



Marjorie Anderson, announcer in the BBC's Overseas Service, and R. N. Dougall, news-reader, visit the canteen between programmes.

Good Soccer Promised At Sookunpoo

HYUI WILL LEAD THE ATTACK

BY "PILAT"

First class soccer should be seen this afternoon at Sookunpoo when COMBINED CHINESE meet REST OF THE COLONY in a charity match, in aid of the B.W.O.F., at 3.45 p.m.

The Chinese eleven will be practically the same as that which represented China with two exceptions. TSE KAM-HUNG replaces NG KEE-CHEONG while V. K. HYUI will lead the attack with FUNG KING-CHEONG and LEE WAI-TONG as his inside men. This, I believe, strengthens the team and with the dashy Hyui as leader, the attack will prove a hard proposition to the Rest defence.

The Rest has also chosen the strongest line-up from the material available and several players who gave good performance in the charity games on December 22 are again given recognition.

Among them are EDMUNDS, left-back, OWENS, right-wing, and HOWLETT, inside-left, while REIERSTEN is making his initial appearance in a representative game this season.

All these players will be watched, with interest, especially Owens who, in his last "big" game, gave great promise of developing into a first class winger.

In the intermediate line, FRESHWATER, D. LEONARD and SHEEHAN, will fall the task of checking the nippy Chinese forwards and they will have the support of a strong back division.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., and Officers, the Band of the Middlesex Regiment will play before the match and during the interval.

REST

Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy) and Edmunds (R.A.F.); Freshwater (Middlesex); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's) (Capt.) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Owens (24th R.A.), Hendy (Navy), Fox (R.E.), Howlett (Police), and Reiersten (Club). Reserves.—Reynold (R.A.O.C.), Fraser (Royal Scots), Britt (Navy), Maxwell (Kowloon), Pope (Police), Gough (Police), Coomer (Middlesex) Le Page (Navy), Hosack (Royal Scots), Barber (Navy) and B. I. Blackford (Club).

Mr. W. E. Hollands in team manager.

COMBINED CHINESE

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China); Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao); Hsu King-seng (Eastern); Tse Kam-hung (South China); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao); V. K. Hyui (Eastern); Lee Tak-fai (South China); Cheuk and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves.—Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Woo Chi-zang (Eastern); Kwok Ying-ki (Sing Tao); Lo Wai-kuei (Eastern); Tang Kwong-sum (Sing Tao); Chow Man-chi (South China); Chai Tao (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah); Waps King-chung (Kwong Wah) and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

Messrs. Aw Hoe and Victor Wong are team managers.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Practice Shoot at Kowloon City. Rifle Association, Spoon and 8.30 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

JAN.
1.—Tides: High 12.48 p.m. and 11.20 p.m. Low 5.47 a.m. and 4.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.50 p.m.

New Year's Day.
Fanning Hunt to meet at Fanning Lodge, 2.45 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Club de Recreo, Tea Dance.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.

Arms Licences due for renewal.
Kowloon Cricket Club, Children's Christmas Tree and Picture Show.
South China A.A. Annual Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill.
Charity Soccer—China v. Rest, Sookunpoo.

2.—Tides: High 1.33 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.24 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House.
St. Stephen's College, Stanley, Reopens.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Timm Meeting, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Closing of Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon.
St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.
China Emporium, Ltd., Interest on Debentures payable at Bank of East Asia, Ltd.

3.—Tides: High 2.18 p.m. Low 6.51 a.m. and 6.17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.52 p.m.
Claims against estate of Yeung Shing due.
China Fleet Club Theatre—Variety Entertainment in aid of S.P.C.
Sino-British Cultural Assn. (H.K. Branch), Annual Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8.30 p.m.

F.M.C.A. Entertainment in aid of H.K.S.P.C., 9.15 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor to pay informal visit to H.K. and Whampoa Dock, 4 p.m.

Radio Programmes

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TODAY

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Reginald Foort at the Organ.
12.40 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Jack Hyton and His Orchestra, and Val Rosing (Vocal).
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Light Orchestral Programme with Alfred Piccaver (Tenor).

2.15 Close down.
2.45 Indian Programme.
3.00 Percy Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and Regimental Bands.

3.00 London Relay—The News.
3.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
3.30 Humorous Programme.

3.40 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
3.45 Musical Comedy Selections.
3.50 Studio—'British Dramatists'.

No. 5: Oscar Wilde.
Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.
3.50 Sibylline—Tone-Poem, 'Phantom', Op. 26, No. 7.

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk by J. B. Priestly through the North American Transmission.

9.45 Variety.
10.23 Dance Music.
11.00 Close down.

TOMORROW

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) and the New Mayfair Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Songs by Dorothy Lamour.
1.15 Swing Music.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Strauss—'Don Juan' Tone Poem, Op. 20.

2.02 Songs by Maria Olszewska (Contralto).
2.15 Close down.
2.45 Indian Programme.

3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
3.30 A Schumann Programme.
3.40 London Relay—The News.

3.45 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
3.50 Brahms—Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 103.
3.55 Brahms' Waltzes.

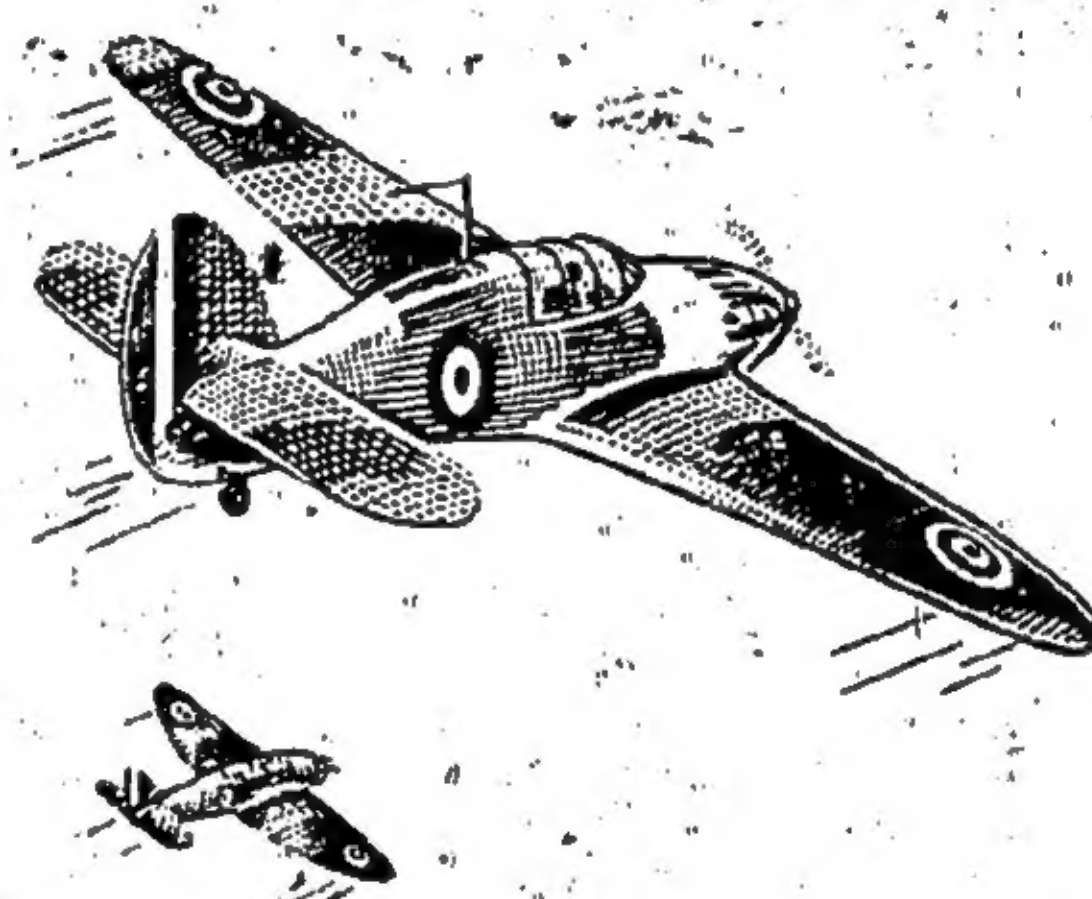
Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.
8.50 Orchestral Interlude.

Carmen—Fantasia (Bizet)—The Chortentburg Opera Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 Billy Mayerl (Piano) and the Casani Club Orchestra.

10.00 Variety Programme of Popular Choruses, Orchestral and Instrumental.
11.00 Close down.

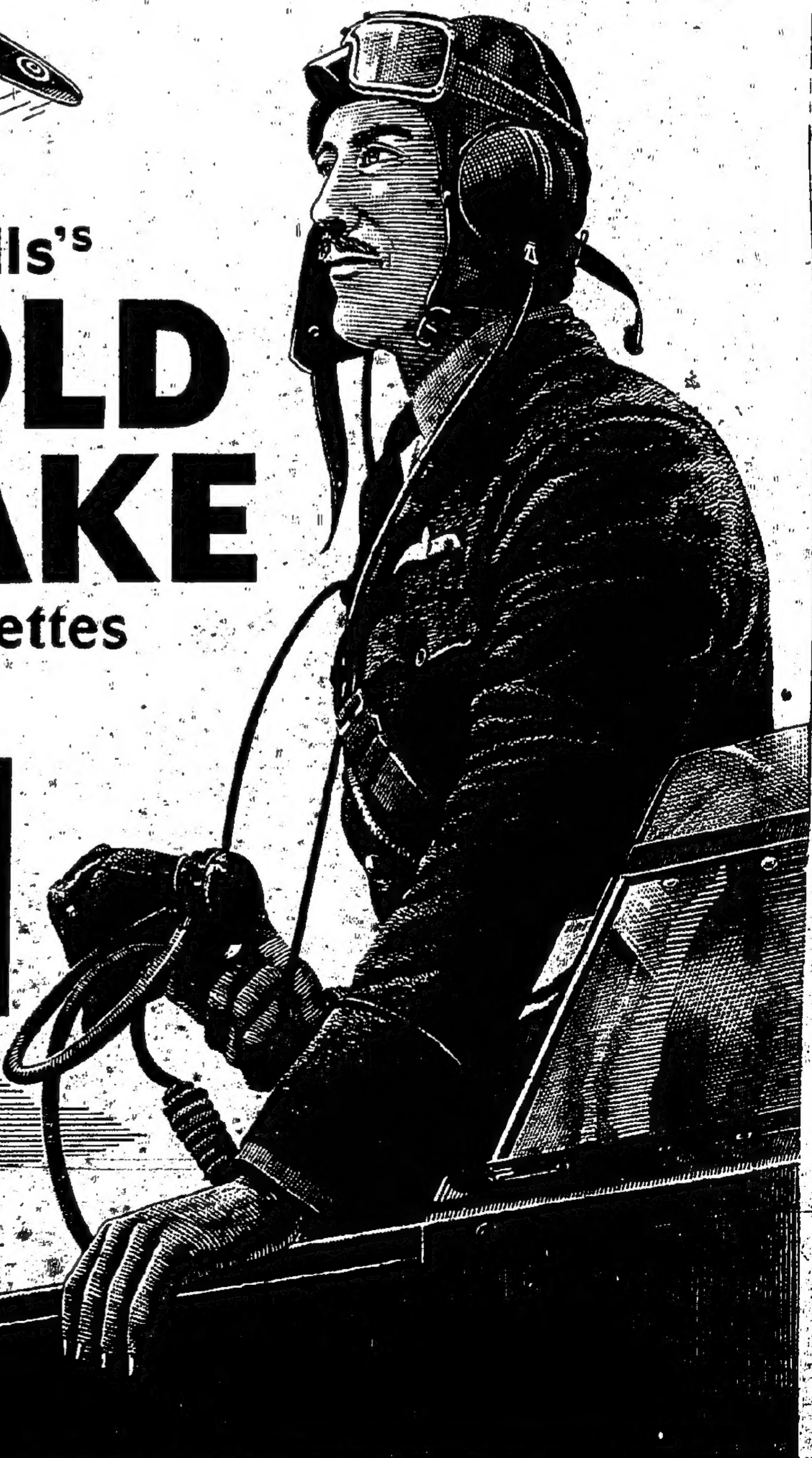
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The Great Dictator, with Charles Chaplin and Jack Oakie, which will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

ORIENTAL CULTURAL ASSN. MEETING

A galaxy of 500 Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Formosan, Indo-Chinese, Burmese and Indian cultural leaders and high Chinese Government officials attended the inaugural meeting in Chungking of the Oriental Cultural Association whose aim is to foster closer cultural relations among the peoples in the Far East.

Prominent among those present were Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, General Liu Shih, Garrison Commander of Chungking, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Welfare, Mr. Pan Kung-chen, Vice-Minister of Publicity, General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, General Chen Ming-shu, Chairman of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, and Mr. Ko Mo-fo of the National Military Council. The eight Burmese newspapermen who are on a goodwill visit here also attended.

The presidium consisted of Mr. Yu Yu-jen and Mr. Tan Cheng, respectively President and Vice-President of the Control Yuan, representing China, and others representing Burma, Korea, Indo-China, Japan, Formosa, Mongolia, Sinkiang and Tibet, with Mr. Tan as Chairman.

FIRST OF KIND

In his opening speech, Mr. Tan described the meeting, attended by cultural leaders of different Asiatic countries, as the first of its kind in five thousand years.

He declared that in the present world turmoil when civilization is at stake, we should not only meet Japan's force with force but also muster our cultural efforts to give impetus to a revolution in that country and convert it into a democracy.

Should we accomplish this, he said, freedom and equality would be restored to the oppressed nations in the Far East.

Recalling that Dr. Sun Yat-sen had advocated the emancipation of all the weaker peoples in the Orient, Mr. Tan urged the audience to follow the footsteps of the Father of the Chinese Republic and strive for this goal.

Mr. Tan was followed by Mr. Yu Yu-jen who branded the so-called "Zone of co-prosperity in East Asia" as advocated by the Japanese, as merely a zone of slaves in East Asia, and exhorted the audience not to be hoodwinked by Japanese propaganda.

Other speakers included Mr. Sun

FO, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, General Feng Yu-hsiang, General Chen Ming-shu and Mr. Aoyama.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The meeting appointed Sir Rabindranath Tagore, famous Indian poet, Madame Sun Yat-sen, Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan, General Feng Yu-hsiang and four others honorary Presidents of the Association, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Chang Po-ling, Vice-Chairman of the People's Political Council, Dr. Chu Chia-hwa, director of the Organisation Board of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity, Mr. Yen Chu-tsang, secretary-general of the Kuomintang and others were named honorary Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Yu Yu-jen and Mr. Tan Cheng were elected President and Vice-President of the Association respectively.

NATIONAL GOVT. MANDATE

PROVINCIAL GOVT. CHANGES

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31 (Central)—The National Government in a mandate issued yesterday relieved Mr. Ma Fu-shou of his duties as member of the Ninghsia Provincial Government and appointed Messrs. Chang Tien-wu, Chow Sheng-chen, Yeh Shen and Wang Chih as new members of the same provincial government.

Meanwhile, Mr. Li Han-chen was appointed secretary-general of the Honan Provincial Government and Messrs. Liu Shu-mu and Lu Kung-hua were appointed members of the Hupei Provincial Government.

Governor On Care Of Needy Children

The suggestion that the Child Protection Society should be made the nucleus of a wider endeavour for the purpose of looking after the neglected and needy children of the Island was made by the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, at the annual general meeting of the Society held at Queen's House.

The Governor presided, and there was a large gathering of members.

Mr. A. E. Goonesinha in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts said that he agreed with some of the strong criticism that had been made against the system of child labour in the Island.

CRUELTY AND CRIME

Fifty per cent. of the child cruelty cases were from the Colombo District. The reason for that was that most of the children from the villages were brought and kept in Colombo homes. The criminal classes in the city today were drawn from those who had run away from such homes and wandered about the streets and fell into evil company.

Since that Society was started there had been a check on that.

He said that the Society's Home at Maharagama, was doing exceedingly well owing to the care and attention paid to it, and mainly owing to the enterprise and energy of its Secretary, Mr. Parsons.

As pointed out in the report, the Society required a large sum of money to establish a Home of its own, and it was up to them to see to it. The Colombo Municipality had voted Rs. 5,000 for the Society and he expected that it would be an annual contribution.

It was very difficult to get good domestic servants, and he thought it a good thing if the Society would start training those children for domestic service.

CO-ORDINATED SCHEME

Mrs. (Dr.) M. Rutnam, in seconding the adoption of the vote of thanks, said that when she visited the Maharagama Home she was struck by its possibilities and the wonderful start that had been made.

The Women's Political Union had made a study of that subject some years ago, and had thought it essential to establish in the Island a system of National Homes somewhat on the plan of the Barnardo Homes in England.

She commended that suggestion to the attention of the Ministers, their Creches and Child Welfare Centres cared for the child only at a certain stage and then left him. They should have some scheme to link them all up in a scheme of National Orphanages.

Miss Cissy Cooray said that she wished to appeal to them to show greater interest by visiting the Home for a wider membership and for more generous support.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

The same office-bearers as last year were then re-elected with Lady Caldecott as President and Mr. P. J. Parsons as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

GOVERNOR'S ADVICE

The Governor paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Parsons, and said that in his opinion Mr. Parsons was the Society and it could not get on without him. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Parsons.

Sir John Tarbat, seconded it and it was carried with acclamation.

Certain rules of the society were then amended, after which Sir John Tarbat proposed a vote of thanks to the Governor and Lady Caldecott for the keen interest they had taken in the Society and for allowing that meeting to be held at Queen's House.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The return of cases notified to the Health authorities for the week ended Dec. 28, with the number of deaths in brackets, is as follows:—

Tuberculosis 180 (119) (4 imported); dysentery 22 (12); diphtheria 11 (4); chicken-pox 9 (1); enteric fever 7 (4); measles 6; cholera 5 (1); cerebro-spinal fever 2.

Twenty-nine cases (one imported) of tuberculosis, nine of measles, two each of cholera and dysentery and one each of diphtheria and chicken-pox were notified to the Health authorities on Monday.

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Current Attraction
At King's Theatre

Presenting a more grown-up Deanna Durbin, the star's eight picture, Universal's "Spring Parade" comes to the King's Theatre today.

The current offering presents her in one of the most grown-up roles and in the most romantic story in which she has yet appeared.

In the story Deanna is cast as a young peasant girl who goes to the city of her dreams and meets adventure and romance.

Robert Cummings, who was the star's leading man in "Three Smart Girls Grow Up," is seen as her sweetheart in "Spring Parade."

The supporting cast, the finest ever assembled in any of her pictures, features Mischa Auer, Henry Stephenson, "Butch" and "Buddy,"

EXHIBITION OF WAR TROPHIES

KWELIN, Dec. 31 (Central)—An exhibition of war trophies will be held here beginning from New Year's Day tomorrow. Japanese arms and other forms of war equipment seized by the Chinese in south Kwangsi have been transported here for the exhibition.

Anne Gwynne, Walter Catlett, S. Z. Sakal, Samuel S. Hinds, Allyn Joslyn, Reginald Denry, Franklin Pangborn and Peggy Moran.

Deanna's voice will be heard in four song selections in the picture. Music for three of these was written by the famous Viennese composer, Robert Stolz, with lyrics by Gus Kahn.

The songs are "It's Foolish But It's Fun," "Walking in the Clouds" and "When April Rings." The fourth number, "Blue Danube Dream," is an arrangement by Hans Salter, with lyrics by Gus Kahn.

The supporting cast, the finest ever assembled in any of her pictures, features Mischa Auer, Henry Stephenson, "Butch" and "Buddy,"

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20th Century Fox Picture : "FOUR SONS"

Sunday Paper Prosecuted

Censor's "Cuts" In Dispute

Summonses against the editor of Reynolds News and the Co-operative Press Ltd., of Long Millgate, Manchester, the publishers, alleging that they had published matter which had not been passed by the censor, were adjourned at Bow-street recently.

Mr. J. D. Caswell, K.C., defending, said that he had cross-examinations to make, and if it was necessary that the hearing should be held in camera he would ask for that.

Mr. G. B. McClure, who appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that there were questions which from the public interest point of view, would not be answered either in camera or in public.

Earlier Lt.-Gen. W. H. Lamsom, Tripp, naval adviser to the Censorship division at the Ministry of Information, had said that he could not answer a question by Mr. Caswell, "I cannot say many things even in closed court, until I know exactly who is here," he added.

The summonses, which were made under the Defence (General) Regulations, alleged publication of certain information being or purporting to be, information with respect to (1) defence and fortifications of Malta; (2) the sowing of mines in the River Rhine; and (3) the disposition and movement of certain of his Majesty's aircraft.

Mr. McClure said that on Aug. 11 Reynolds News published in the Scottish edition certain information, which had apparently been sent to the Censor on Aug. 10 and received back on the same date—no doubt fairly late in view of Sunday publications. Certain cuts had been made by the Censor.

"I should like to say," added Mr. McClure, "that it was thought right and necessary to bring this matter before the court not in any way to be looked upon as a test case, and I certainly do not put it forward as a serious case."

"All I am suggesting, in view of what happened before and after the cuts, was that there was just a chance taken that everything was going through, and in relation to the Scottish publication time was short."

"What happened—and I think very appropriately—was that in the publication which circulated in London these passages which are impugned were omitted."

PASSAGES CUT OUT

Mr. McClure handed to the magistrate a copy of Reynolds News and pointed out an article on sea and air power in the Mediterranean. He drew attention to a passage which said that Malta had been reinforced and was now a real menace to Italian communications with Libya. The passage, said Mr. McClure, was cut out.

Another passage, indicated by Mr. McClure, referred to a refusal of Italian fighters to give battle to British Hurricanes, and said, "They saw the Hurricanes and dared for home." The subject-matter of the second summons was contained in that little passage, said Mr. McClure.

Mr. McClure said that although the article implied that the Italians had seen the Hurricanes, it might be that in the heat of the moment they did not know what they were, and it might not have been a matter appearing on their reports when they landed. It might be that the report, appearing in an important publication, might be giving information to the enemy.

Mr. McClure indicated a third passage in the article which said that it could be revealed that during a recent period of several weeks not a barge moved along a hundred yards stretch of the River Rhine.

If that were accurate information he said, the enemy had already discovered it. If the information was merely something which was said and was not accurate—it might or might not have been—then it would be giving away something, and possibly some secret operation which was likely to be in contemplation.

"I do not put it any higher than that," added Mr. McClure.

KEPT FOR 13 HOURS

Cmdr. W. G. Gerard, R.N., Assistant Director of Co-ordination in the Press and Censorship Division of the Ministry of Information, said that just after 6 o'clock on Aug. 10 he received a submission from Reynolds News for publication the following day.

The submission was sent to Maj.-Gen. Tripp and Sqdn. Ldr. Chapman, the naval and air advisers, who made certain cuts and returned the submission to him. He then passed the article for publication as cut and the submission was returned at 7.15 the same evening.

He sanctioned the insertion of the word "Malta," which made the

opening sentence of the cut submission read, "Malta is now a real menace to Italian communications with Libya."

Cross-examined by Mr. Caswell, Cmdr. Gerard said he knew that the Scottish edition of the paper went to print about 6.15. The submission was kept in a censorship office for an hour and a half. That was a longer period than the average submission. It was usual when a submission was referred to higher authority to inform the newspaper that it had been "held, referred to higher authority."

Mr. Caswell: Do you realise that in this case that course was not followed?

Cmdr. Gerard: No. That is a matter on which I cannot speak from personal knowledge.

EDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY
Mr. Caswell: It is quite clear that the responsibility always rests on the editor. The censor will not take responsibility?—Not for publication.

It is the editor who has to decide whether it is likely to prejudice the safety of the realm and the efficient prosecution of the war. The responsibility rests on the editor and not on the censor, but if something is passed by the censor it would be a good defence?

—Yes.

Censorship in England as opposed to dictator countries is entirely voluntary, is it not?—Yes.

The editor need not refer his articles to you at all?—No, that is quite true.

And there is no compulsion on him to accept your deletions?—That is correct.

Mr. Caswell said that the submission would be that this article was a rehash of information that had been in the papers. He asked the Commander if he considered that when he passed it as properly censored and the Commander replied that that would be borne in mind.

Mr. Caswell: If it had it would be rather hard on my clients to cut it out of their paper?—Not necessarily because it might give confirmation.

Mr. Caswell referred to a publication called B.B.C. Monitor, giving a resume of the foreign news, and asked whether on Aug. 8 it printed an Italian broadcast to the effect that Hurricanes were now at Malta.

Cmdr. Gerard: Yes.

They knew that Hurricanes were at Malta?—Not necessarily. They might have been fishing for information.

FOREIGN POLICY OF BULGARIA

Strict Neutrality To Be Observed

SOFIA, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Bulgaria will not depart her avowed policy of strict neutrality, declared M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, in the Bulgarian Parliament yesterday.

M. Popoff emphasised that there are no current causes requiring a change in the neutrality policy which has been clearly enunciated.

This statement was made during a debate on the budget in which an ex-Minister had stated that the Bulgarian people had the right to ask the Government to clarify the foreign policy because they would defend Bulgaria with money and property.

LEFT WING PROPAGANDA

M. Popoff also referred apparently to the propaganda of the Bulgarian Left Wing elements favouring closer collaboration with Russia. He said that the Bulgarian Government was resolutely determined not to listen to the Right or Left outside the National Assembly.

It is strongly rumoured in the Soviet Legation in Sofia that changes of personnel are imminent. Colonel Masaloff, the new Military Attaché, arrived recently. In view of the recent increase of Communist propaganda in Bulgaria, such changes are believed to be important.

Baltic C-In-C Appointed To Red Army

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The former Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian, Estonian and Latvian armies, have been appointed Lieutenant-Generals in the Red Army.

These officers are Generals Vitkauskas, Junson and Klavins respectively.

Sixteen other officers of the armies of the former Baltic states have been appointed Major-Generals in the Red Army.

Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia were incorporated in the Soviet Union last August.

There have been cases where you passed articles and then you have recalled publication, and that is one of the instances?—Yes, it is. The censorship galls itself of the Press Association to rectify its own mistakes?—Yes.

When questioning Lieut.-Gen. Tripp, who said that he made the cuts dealing with Malta and the Rhine, Mr. Caswell declared, "My whole point is that this is stale information and well known to the Germans."



The burning wreckage of a Heinkel aircraft which was shot down by the R.A.F. somewhere in England.

U.S. WOMEN FLIERS ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT AVIATION FROM GROUND UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Women Fliers of America are out to learn the business of aviation from the ground up—just in case. Not content with learning how to keep a plane up in the air, this group of organised feminine pilots has opened a ground school to study the why of it. The ground school, dealing with such technical subjects as mechanics and meteorology, has an enrolment of nearly 100 earnest students here, and branch chapters were expected to start soon in other parts of the country.

According to their president and founder, Chelle Janis, the group was organized to prepare women to assist men in the defense of their country.

WANT TO BE READY
"We want to be ready to do behind the lines work," she said, "just in case the men are called up and they need pilots to ferry planes—or fly medicine—or help out on mail routes."

Founded last April by Ruth Haviland and Miss Janis, the Women Fliers now boast a membership close to a thousand. Offices were opened in Hartford, Conn., Philadelphia, Washington, and New York. Some 5,000 letters of inquiry, praise and criticism attested to the interest they have aroused, Miss Janis said, adding that they had even had requests from Alaska and South America for information on women's aviation.

NO POWDER-PUFF BRIGADE
"We aren't any powder puff brigade," Miss Stiles declared. "Some of the girls may be attracted at first by the glamour of flying—but they soon realize it is a serious business."

Included in their growing membership are Katherine Hepburn, who recently earned her license; Mrs. Floyd Bennett, widow of the famous flier; Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, wife of the singer, and Vita Roth, world champion parachute jumper. Teachers, doctors, nurses, salesgirls, debutantes, actresses and secretaries made up the body of the list, Miss Janis said, many of them heading for the airport after a day's work.

Jill McCormack, a secretary here, flew three evenings a week after work all summer, she said, and spent her other evenings working on a model plane, she hopes to display for the benefit of the organization.

"ANY OLD THING"
"Another girl, Lila Holmes, a 17-year-old student, was so determined to get her flying instruction that she made the trip from school to airport on a bicycle. Most of the girls—some of them grandmothers—flew in slacks and a shirt or "any old thing," Miss Janis said.

Several mothers brought their daughters to the fliers' officers only to enroll themselves when they learned there was no age limit. One woman, with two sons in the army, said she "just had to do something—I couldn't leave it all up to my boys."

Ada May, Broadway actress and executive vice-president of the group, said she was "thrilled" with what little flying she had done and that she intended to get her license. Thirty-five hours of solo flying are necessary, she said, and the group already has 50 members who have passed their final tests.

NEW UNIFORM
"I have also designed a uniform for us," Miss May said. "It's one piece, khaki gabardine—patterned after the suit Lindbergh wore when he flew the Atlantic."

Another woman, Mrs. Ogilvy Druce, who was the first woman to fly, is a member of the fliers' board. She offered her services when the group was formed, saying that she had a son-in-law in the R.A.F. and one with the French army. Like the rest of the women who have

MANY BIG FIRES IN LONDON

NAZI COMMUNIQUE ON SUNDAY'S RAID

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Streets and factories are mentioned as military objectives by the German radio, commenting on Sunday night's air raid on London.

The announcer said that as visibility was good, important successes were obtained.

Many huge fires are stated to have been caused and an uninterrupted series of explosions, said the announcer, could be heard all over the city.

He added that although the attack was only of a short duration, it was pressed home by strong formations and "came as a surprise so that the Luftwaffe sustained no losses."

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VICHY

VICHY, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Admiral William Leahy, United States Ambassador to the French Government at Vichy, has arrived at Lisbon on the U.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa, states the Havas agency.

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ALIENS UNEASY IN SHANGHAI: INCREASING DISTURBANCES

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—Uneasiness among foreigners in Shanghai increased today as a result of almost continuous disturbances here which local newspapers describe as bordering on anarchy.

Among the factors increasing these fears are:

1. The Japanese "new order" in the Orient, as advocated by the Japanese military.
2. Increasing terrorist activities among Nanking and Chungking factions.
3. Labour trouble and unrest partly due to the increase in the price of rice.

IN "BADLANDS"
Local newspapers reported lawlessness in the western "badlands" of this city was increasing, with new ornate gambling dens opening and narcotics traffic growing. Kidnappings in Shanghai have been commonplace in recent days.

The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury reported that the Japanese, retaliating for the shooting of a Japanese gendarme on Nov. 30, planned to demolish houses and eject Chinese residents from homes in the area where the shooting occurred. A new road would be built in the district and named "Private Sasaki Road," after the gendarme who was killed.

JAPANESE BARRICADES

Also disturbing foreigners here were the continual Japanese barricading of various districts of the city, often to the inconvenience of foreigners, and the jamming of a radio wavelength over which Carroll D. Alcott, an American

WESTERN DESERT AIR ACTIVITY

CAIRO, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The enemy's Western Desert landing grounds at Tmimi, Derna and El Gazala were raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday.

Fires were started at Tmimi and dispersed aircraft were attacked, according to an R.A.F. communique.

news commentator, broadcasts his anti-Japanese comments.

The high point of anti-Nanking terrorism and shooting was reached two days ago when Judge Edouard d'Hooghe of the French consular court was assassinated allegedly because he was blamed by Chungking elements for turning a French concession-Chinese court over to the Wang Ching-wel regime.

WAVE OF STRIKES

The wave of strikes in Shanghai reached a dangerous stage today when 1,000 flour mill workers walked out, demanding higher wages and increased rice allowances. The strikers stoned police, who arrested 25 of them.

Alarmed by the local situation, the Evening Post and Mercury editorially asked: "Is Shanghai heading toward anarchy? Hardly an hour passes without some indication that this is a literal truth."

Meanwhile, Japanese press reports said Japanese landing parties had arrested a Chinese gunman suspected of shooting M. Nomura, a Japanese army lieutenant, two days ago.

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COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRISONERS OF WAR WHO ARE INTERNEED ABROAD

The following instructions regarding communication with PRISONERS OF WAR interned abroad are published for general information.

These instructions apply primarily to British (including Dominion and Colonial) prisoners of war interned in enemy and neutral countries, but paragraphs 2-4 as regards the Letter Post are also applicable to letters and post cards addressed to prisoners of war of other nationalities interned abroad.

The term "PRISONERS OF WAR" includes all interned persons: naval, military, air force and civilian.

LETTER POST

Letters and postcards may be sent post free; they should be posted in the ordinary way and should not be sent to the British Red Cross Society to be forwarded. They should be clearly written or typed, and letters should not exceed two sides of a sheet of notepaper; otherwise they are liable to delay and may even not be delivered by the authorities in the country to which they are addressed. They must only deal with purely personal matters, and care should be taken that no information of any kind, which might be of use to the enemy, is given. No references to naval, military, aerial, economic or political matters are allowed, and movements of any members of His Majesty's Forces or any warship or merchant ship must not be mentioned.

ENCLOSURES: Any enclosure in a letter may cause delay. Picture postcards or pictorial matter of any kind must not be sent; snapshots or unmounted photographs of a personal nature are allowed.

METHOD OF ADDRESS: The address should be clearly written in INK both on the envelope and on the letter itself. As far as possible the following particulars should be given:—

(a) Service No. and Rank (unless the addressee is an interned civilian), initials, and surname; (b) British Prisoner of War; (c) Prisoner of War Number (if known); (d) Camp address. It is important that the Camp address should be complete, (e.g. in the specimen address below "Stalag" means "permanent camp" and is insufficient without the addition of the appropriate number); (e) Country.

THE ENVELOPE

The top left-hand corner of the envelope should bear the words "Prisoners of War Post," and if addressed to a prisoner of war in German hands, the equivalent word "KRIEGSGEFANGENEN-POST" should be added, or if addressed to a prisoner of war in Italian hands the words "Servizio dei prigionieri di guerra." The name and address of the sender should be written on the back of the envelope. If, however, the sender is serving in His Majesty's Forces, whether at home or abroad, he must on no account give the address of his unit; instead he should state the address of a relative or friend in this country who would be willing to send on any letters received from the prisoner.

PARCEL POST

Parcels for Prisoners of War in Enemy (or enemy-occupied) Countries.

Parcels cannot be despatched by relatives direct to a prisoner of war. Food, clothing, soap and tobacco are sent regularly to prisoners in enemy countries by the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem (see paragraph 8), and "personal" parcels for prisoners in enemy countries may be sent under the arrangement explained in paragraph 11 of this leaflet. A card of acknowledgment for signature and return by the prisoner is enclosed in every parcel despatched. For parcels for prisoners of war in neutral countries see paragraphs 16-18.

In addition to the parcels sent by the Red Cross, orders may be given to firms holding special permits for the direct despatch of parcels containing books, music, packs of cards and games (see paragraph 19).

Customs Duty is not normally charged on parcels sent to prisoners; and the Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes which usually have to be prepared by the senders of foreign parcels are not required.

Parcels sent by the British Red Cross.

Food and tobacco cannot be sent by relatives to a prisoner of war. Parcels of food and tobacco weighing 10 lb. are sent once a week to every British, Dominion and Colonial prisoner of war in enemy territory by the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross Organisation. These parcels are sent at an approximate cost of

10s. per parcel, and contributions towards defraying this expenditure will be gratefully accepted. Such contributions should be sent to the Appeal Secretary, Red Cross and St. John's Fund, Prisoners of War Department, St. James's Palace, London, S.W.1. Postage must be paid on letters addressed to the British Red Cross Society.

INVALID COMFORTS

INVALID COMFORTS: The Invalid Comforts Section despatches every four weeks consignments of ordinary household drugs, bandages, lint, dressings, etc., together with such things as cod liver oil, malt, tonics and invalid food and comforts addressed to the Senior Officer of the Prisoners of War Camp, so that in the case of illness or of minor injuries that are not sufficiently serious for hospital treatment, remedies may be at hand when needed. Relatives of a prisoner can send to the Invalid Comforts Section medicines or special remedies direct from their own chemist, to be included in these parcels, and these things will be labelled for the prisoner for whom they are intended. Postage on parcels so sent to the British Red Cross must be paid at the ordinary inland rates. At the request of the relatives, or the Senior Officer of the Camp, individual food parcels can be arranged for serious or chronic cases requiring special diet, in place of the ordinary weekly food parcels. Men who are known to be in hospital are sent a special parcel for four weeks.

CLOTHING: The Prisoners of War Department of the Red Cross and St. John arranges for the following articles to be sent to the prison camps for every prisoner of war:—

Shirt, Pants, Vest, Socks, Towel, Blanket, Pullover, Handkerchiefs, Shoes, Pyjamas, Toothbrush and toothpaste in tins, Razor and blades, Shaving stick. They are also able to arrange for uniform and a uniform overcoat to be sent if needed.

"Personal" Parcels for Prisoners in Enemy (or enemy-occupied) Countries. Once every three months the next of kin of a prisoner in enemy territory is allowed to send him a "personal" parcel. The parcel must not weigh more than 10 lb. so that when repacked it comes within the international limit of weight. Each parcel must bear a special tie-on label which will be sent periodically direct to the next of kin by the British Red Cross Society. The sender must fill in the prisoner's rank and name on the label, which will then bear an address in the following form:—

Prisoner of War PERSONAL PARCEL, No. 123456 Private T. Atkins, C/o British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, 14, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2.

The address must also be copied in ink on the cover of the parcel. Unless the parcel bears the special label, it will not be accepted at a Post Office. No postage is required.

PACKING

PACKING: The parcels should be packed as for the inland post. The name and address of the sender must be clearly written on the cover of the parcel, except that if the sender is serving in His Majesty's Forces he must not write his own address but must give the address of a relative or friend and may request the relative or friend to forward any acknowledgments received in respect of the parcel. A list of the contents should be put inside the parcel.

PERMISSIBLE ARTICLES: Among the articles which may be sent are the following:—

Blankets, Blanketing in tins, Brushes of all kinds, Button-cleaning outfits (solid, not liquid polish), Chewing gum, Chocolate in slabs, Cigarette tips and cigarette rolling machine but NOT cigarettes or cigarette papers, clothing, including underwear, civilian or Service shirts, any footwear, windcheat-

Specimen Address.

Prisoners of War Post. No Stamp
KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST. required

* P/J.I.125001 A.B.J. Smith,
or No. 123456 Corporal T. Atkins,
or No. 567890 Leading Aircraftman K. Jones,
British Prisoner of War No. 3306,
Stalag XII A,
Germany.

* From Mrs. J. Smith,
33, Maple Road,
Andover,
Hants.

The details underlined in the foregoing specimen addresses are merely examples and care should be taken that the appropriate details furnished in letters sent by the prisoner are inserted in the address of letters sent to him.

N. B.—No attempt should be made to communicate with Prisoners of War through people in neutral countries.

ers, knitted comforts, or uniform. (See para 14 for prohibited articles). Coloured silks and cottons, plain linen or canvas for embroidery, Dentifrice (solid or powder but NOT in tubes). Frames with talc or unbreakable glass, Hussis containing usual items, Kit and sleeping bags, Knitting needles and wool, Pencils and fountain pens, Pipes, and tobacco pouch, Safety razors and blades, Safety tin openers, Shoe polish (solid, not liquid or in tubes), Small musical instruments, Soap of all kinds, Towels, face cloths and sponges.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES: The following articles may not be enclosed:—

(i) Written communications (letters must be sent separately); (ii) Printed matter; (iii) Pictorial illustrations and photographs; (iv) Money, stamps, stationery and playing cards; (v) Articles in tubes, tins and other receptacles, which cannot easily be opened for inspection; (vi) Spirits or solidified spirit for cooking stoves, matches or any other inflammable material; (vii) Food, tobacco, cigarettes; (viii) Photographic apparatus, field glasses, sextants, compasses, electric torches and other instruments of use for naval and military purposes; (ix) Medical comforts. This includes medicines of all kinds, drugs and bandages; (x) Complete suits, coloured trousers, sports coats or blazers, mackintoshes, or any kind of overcoat.

RETURN OF PROHIBITED ARTICLES: On receipt of a personal parcel it will be repacked under the supervision of a representative of the Censorship, and any prohibited articles will be withdrawn and returned to the sender.

Parcels for Prisoners of War in Neutral Countries.

Address:—Parcels for prisoners of war in neutral countries must be forwarded through the British Red Cross Society. No special label is necessary and parcels should be addressed in the same way as letters (see paragraph 4) with the addition of the following:—c/o British Red Cross Society, 14, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2.

No postage is required.

PACKING: Parcels when packed must not weigh more than 10 lb. each and should be packed as for the inland post. A list of the contents should be put inside.

CONTENTS: Neither the articles numbered (i) to (vi) in paragraph 14 nor food may be sent. In order that any prohibited article may be returned to the sender, his name and address should be written on the cover, as described in paragraph 12.

Parcels and Packets sent by Permit Holders.

BOOKS, MUSIC, PACKS OF CARDS, GAMES AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Many of the leading publishers and newsagents, etc., hold a special permit from the Censorship Department, which enables them to execute and despatch orders for books, music, packs of cards and games for prisoners of war in enemy or neutral countries. Holders of permits can accept only orders for despatch direct: they can in no case

Experiences In Chungking Air Raids

A man who does not care for music and sits through a symphony concert is experiencing something very similar to sitting in an air-raid shelter, for a period anything from two to seven hours, waiting for the "all clear."

Miss Emily Hahn thus described her experiences in Chungking air raids when addressing the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday. Rotarian Dr. Arthur Woo presided.

Miss Hahn had met people from Chungking before she went up there for the first time and became eventually a Chungkingite herself.

"What you do not know, perhaps, is something of the mental state people enter when they live in an often-bombed city. That at least, is the impression I gather from the questions asked me."

DENT IN WORKING DAY

"During the months of clear weather, though we did not have alarms every day, they made such a dent in the working day when they did come that as I look back on it I remember first of all those long hours of sitting."

Miss Hahn described Chungking as a city where "it is impossible to go from one place to another save by foot, or by pony."

Rotarian Prof. R. C. Robertson thanked the speaker.

Visiting Rotarians were Rotarian E. Watson (Singapore) and Rotarian W. E. Hines (Shanghai).

Among the guests were Dr. A. V. Greaves, Messrs. H. I. Wong, W. L. Bond, K. H. Ling, Lai Man-ki, I. N. Murray, H. Miller, D. C. Longcrane, Ritchie, Long Kong-hon, Wang Shao-lay and H. Tebbutt.

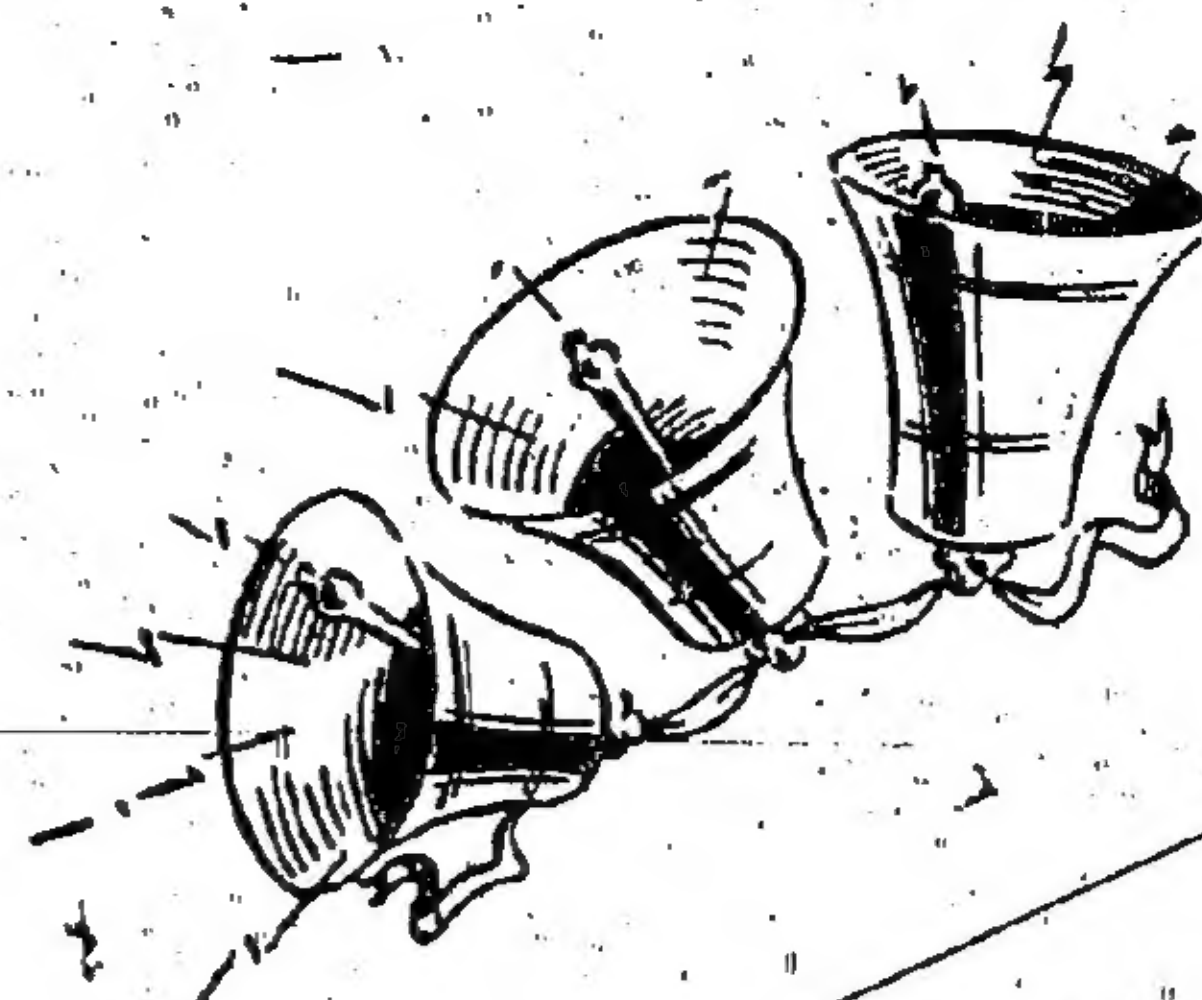
accept books, etc., for forwarding to prisoners.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS: These may be sent in the same way as books, to prisoners of war in neutral countries, but not to prisoners of war in enemy territory.

Parcels (but not packets) despatched to neutral countries by permit holders must be accompanied by the appropriate number of Customs Declarations and Despatch Notes.

EDUCATIONAL BOOKS

The Educational Books Section of the British Red Cross Society arranges for prisoners of war to continue their preparation for examinations, and enables them to undertake vocational training with a view to preparing themselves for the after-war period. The Society gives advice, and arranges for books to be sent to any prisoner wishing to read a special subject. Forms of request for these books are sent to the prison camps. Financial contributions from relatives and friends are invited, but when these cannot be given the Society undertakes the whole cost. Correspondence courses cannot be sent direct to prisoners of war, but on application to the Society, help will be given as to possible means of despatch.



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AND
ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR
THE NEW YEAR

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NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 1939

A. REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

1. All British subjects (male and female) other than persons of Chinese race and members of His Majesty's regular Naval, Military and Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Force shall within two weeks of arrival in the Colony make a return in the approved form and shall deliver the return to the Police Registration of Persons' Office, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building. British subjects (excluding the exempted classes already mentioned) who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony shall report the fact to the Police Registration of Persons' Office within one week before any such change of address or intended departure.

B. REGISTRATION OF ALIENS.

1. All aliens, other than those of Chinese race or those exempted by section 2 (5) of the Ordinance, who arrive in the Colony or who change their residential or business address or who are about to leave the Colony, shall report the fact in person or in writing for registration at the Registration Office (address above) within 48 hours after every such arrival or within one week before every such change of address or intended departure, as the case may be.

C. WARNING.

IT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT EVERYONE, EXCEPT THOSE EXEMPTED ABOVE, MUST REGISTER EITHER AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS. PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED AS BRITISH SUBJECTS OR AS ALIENS ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

Sd. C. G. PERDUE,
Commissioner of Police
21st December, 1940

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhan Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

33225

instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

A happy birthday to Grannie Aycock on her 92nd Birthday. From Relatives and friends.

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HONGKONG, JANUARY 1, 1941.

A NEW YEAR:
NEW HOPE

IN TIME-HONOURED MANNER, with all the trimmings of the festive season, the New Year was ushered in at midnight last night. Today we stand on the threshold of the year 1941, a critical year in the history of mankind, and one in which there is every good reason to hope for the ultimate defeat of Totalitarian tyranny and for the building up of a better world based on justice and freedom. The New Year echoes with the stirring speech made by President Roosevelt to the American nation at the close of a year fraught with trials and tribulations. In his warning to his people, his promise of greater material assistance for Britain, his condemnation of the Axis alliance, and his call for national effort, Mr. Roosevelt made one of the strongest speeches of his career. The President's expression of belief that the Axis Powers are not going to win this war is a source of great inspiration and encouragement to the leaders of Britain and the British people and it points to the growing realisation that the cause for which the British Empire took up arms is also of vital concern to the United States. Co-operation between Britain and America is the surest bulwark against the Axis aggressors, both in Europe and the Far East.

FROM THE CHRONOLOGICAL aspect, the year that has just past saw the cessation of hostilities between Russia and Finland with the signing of a peace treaty in Moscow in March, the German invasion of Norway and Denmark in April, followed by that of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg on May 10, the surrender of King Leopold eighteen days later, then the collapse of France in June and the capitulation of Rumania to the Soviet demands for the cession of Bessarabia and Bukovina. In the home country, the British people have carried on magnificently throughout the year and in a spirit imbued with the unshakeable determination to fight on until the menace of Hitlerism is wiped out forever. Statesmen and workmen, under the confident and dogged leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill, are united as never before in the great struggle and the Mother Country, with the Dominions and the whole of the Empire behind her, goes forward unflinchingly until the day will come, in the not too distant future, when final victory will be ours. The past year has seen Cabinet changes, but these were all brought about to strengthen the Government in steering the country along the right course through the present critical period.

TURNING TO THE FAR EAST, here, once again, there is undimmed faith in ultimate victory for the Chinese

CORRESPONDENCE

SALVATION ARMY HOME

The Editor, the H.K. Daily Press
"Sir—Now that Christmas is over, I desire to take this opportunity of saying 'Thank You' to all those who by their Gifts helped to make the season such a very happy one for those under our care at the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls. If our friends could have seen the very real happiness they helped to bring to our 'family' here they would feel truly repaid for any effort they put forth or sacrifice they made to make the Annual Gift Day on Dec. 20 the success it was."

Collected at the various centres, gifts in kind to the value of about \$200.00 were handed in at the Home. These were all useful articles or provisions showing much careful thought on the part of the donors.

Gifts in cash amounting to \$467.20 included some from Hongkong friends in Australia. To one and all near and far we wish to express our thanks.

Our special thanks are due to the ladies responsible for organising the Gift Day, and each one who accepted the responsibility of receiving the Gifts at the various centres. To Major Manners who lent us the use of the Star Ferry Offices, and the Committees of the Helena May Institute and the Old City Hall who helped us in a similar way, and last but not least to your own valuable paper which kindly gave the effort publicity.

On behalf of those we seek to help we once more say "THANK YOU".

DOROTHY BRAZIER
Major
Home O.P.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BABIES' HOME

[To the Editor, Hongkong Daily Press]

Sir—May I, on behalf of the members of St. Andrew's Fellowship, through the columns of the Hongkong Daily Press, thank all those persons, who contributed in any way, however small, to the success of the Christmas Party, complete with decorated tree and Santa Claus, which was given by us for the babies of Miss Muriel Didden's Babies' Home at Fanling.

I would particularly like to thank all those persons who gave donations for this party, especially those officers and men of different units of the China Command. Without such generous financial support the party would not have been the grand success it was.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss Muriel Didden, for allowing us to give the party, and the babies too, for without their wholehearted co-operation we should not have been able to spend such a happy Christmas Day.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON GARDNER
Hon. Secretary.

whose three-year struggle against Japanese aggression has won unstinted praise throughout the civilised world. An enormous source of encouragement to the Chinese people were the recent loans announced from London and Washington, followed by the stiffening in the attitude of the United States towards Japan. The Wang-Japan Treaty has made no difference to the attitude of Soviet Russia whose recognition of, and assistance to, the Chungking Government continues.

A REVIEW OF the past year would be incomplete without a reference to those who are no longer on this earth and whose labours in their various callings will be remembered. Death in 1940 claimed many prominent citizens among them being Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Senator Key Pittman, M. Kallio, Lord Lothian and Sir Oliver Lodge.

WE HAVE A WHOLE year before us. Let us here in Hongkong redouble our war efforts and so help in the greatest possible measure to hasten the conclusion of the war to end all wars.



A new gas detector, one of many now in use in London districts.

NEW YEAR'S
EVE
FESTIVITIES

The New Year's Eve fancy dress ball at the Kowloon Cricket Club provided a highly enjoyable time for all.

The Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, supplied the dance music and there were entertaining cabaret items.

"Bomber Fund" boxes were ap precially filled.

CAPACITY CROWD

The American Club held their annual New Year's party last night, a capacity crowd attending.

Sousa's Dance Band took care of the music.

A large bottle of champagne was raffled in aid of the B. W. O. F.

THREE WEDDINGS
AT REGISTRY

The following weddings took place at the Registry yesterday:

Mr. Philip Hin Wing-shu, manager of Wing Co., and Miss Annie Yung, No. 12, First Lane, Tai Hang.

Mr. Tjay Liong Tjan, electrician of m.s. Van Heutz, and Miss Chan Kwai-ching, of No. 13, Morrison Hill Road.

Mr. Yan Yuk-fan of No. 2, Wah On Lane, and Miss Kwok Man of No. 586, Nathan Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forthcoming weddings are:
Hon Fan tai, Medical Officer Medical Department, residing at No. 145, Caine Road, and Miss Nancy Yip, No. 17, Hing Hon Road.
Mr. Chou Tien, of No. 297, Hennessy Road, and Miss Su Ying No. 65, Leighton Hill Road.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. D.G. Way, of No. 363 The Peak, has reported the theft of a marble clock from his residence on Dec. 29.

Mr. R.H. Woodman, of No. 566 The Peak, reported the theft of a telescope and a quantity of clothing from his residence.

Miss B.M. Pope, Vice-Principal of Heep Yunn (C.M.S.) school, reported that a motor pump was stolen from the school premises between Dec. 29 and 30.

Mr. Houghton has reported the loss of a wrist watch between his residence, No. 52 Broadwood Road and the Hongkong Cricket Club.

Sapper Bayack, R.E., has reported the theft of a gold ring at Wellington Barracks.

Two wrist watches were reported by Mrs. K.K. Lau to have been stolen from her house at No. 43 Wyndham Street.

Lee Yeung, of No. 209 Hennessy Road, has reported that a burglar broke into his house at 5 p.m. on Dec. 28 and decamped with money and jewellery to the total value of \$885.

Maid Relates
Wife Beating
Story

HOMICIDE CHARGE IN MANILA

Charged with homicide for the death of his common-law wife, Domingo Francisco, dentist and employee of the appraisers' division, bureau of customs, calmly listened recently to a girl's story of his alleged fatal beating of the woman, Macaria Crisostomo, 25.

THE STORY

The story, a reiteration of testimony given previously in signed statements to investigators, was narrated by the couple's former maid, Felicidad Fat y Villaplaza 16, at a preliminary hearing of the case before Judge Ignacio Santos Diaz of the Pasay court after Francisco entered a plea of not guilty.

Cross-examined by the defence, Felicidad declared she saw Macaria's fingernails turn black after the beating. The maid said Francisco struck Macaria on the head with his fists an undetermined number of times, with two of the blows landing on the right side of the head. Felicidad added that Francisco struck Macaria while the latter lay in bed, where the couple's nine-month-old baby played.

APARTMENT QUARREL

The quarrel, the second that she witnessed between Francisco and Macaria, took place at the couple's apartment at 3771-D, Taft Avenue Extension, Pasay, on the afternoon of Nov. 19. Felicidad told the court. The maid said Francisco did not strike Macaria during the first quarrel.

Based on findings of DI operatives, Pasay police and medico-legal authorities, the information against Francisco was signed by Primitivo L. Gonzales, Rizal provincial fiscal, who requested an autopsy on Nov. 20 when the scheduled burial of Macaria's body was halted by Pasay officers.

DEAD ON ARRIVAL

Considered as the two most important pieces of evidences against Francisco were the maid's testimony and the medico-legal findings showing Macaria died of meningeal hemorrhage caused by violence. A doctor at the Mercy Hospital declared the woman was dead upon arrival at the institution early on the evening of Nov. 19.

Francisco eluded arrest on the afternoon of Dec. 2 by filing a \$12,000 bond with the Pasay court through a Manila surety firm. After the hearing on Thursday, Judge Diaz said the case will be remanded to the Rizal court of first instance.

An amah, Cheng Leun, reported that a basket containing clothing and other articles was stolen from No. 114 Austin Road.

VERNON BARTLETT LOOKS BACK:

BRITAIN MORE CERTAIN
OF VICTORY AT END OF
1940 THAN EVER BEFORE

"Nothing makes me more convinced of Herr Hitler's ultimate defeat than the history of the seven months that have passed by since the evacuation from Dunkirk," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the well-known M.P. and journalist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on why Britain was more certain of victory at the end of 1940 than she had ever been before.

"Think how black conditions were then," went on Mr. Bartlett. "The collapse of France had destroyed our geographical advantages, our Near East Army was hopelessly outnumbered, the Italians had chosen that moment to come into the war and it looked as if at any moment the French Fleet would in turn pass into Nazi control."

ANXIETY AND FEAR

"The Channel ports had become Herr Hitler's ports, the invaluable Irish bases which we used in the last war were not available to us and so the British Government had to agree to the closing of the Burma Road for three months, although it was obvious that this action would distress the Chinese and encourage the Japanese, who believed that they would gain from a British defeat."

"Nearer home, Rumania gave way to German pressure and it looked as if Herr Hitler would soon get control of the Balkans. The Italians would be able to advance eastwards and the Germans southwards through the Balkans and Asia Minor and the Axis armies were to meet at the Suez Canal. At the same time, German propagandists were busy in the United States and were assuring the naturally timid that it would be a waste of war material if they continued to help Britain, because a British defeat was certain."

CONFIDENCE AND HOPE

"But nothing of this happened. They failed because Herr Hitler delayed his invasion when he had a chance of success, because of the confidence which the United States and President Roosevelt had in us and because of the refusal of the ordinary little people of Britain to be panicked into surrender by the Nazi air raids."

"They did not know at that time that they were destroying Herr Hitler's chances of smashing a system, which, with all its imperfections, does allow them to have a small voice in the Government of the country. Our airman did not know that in September, when they brought down 185 planes over this country, they were helping us to the position of being nearer victory than before."

"Within a few weeks of these events, the United States Secretary for the Navy uttered his warning to Germany and Japan and Britain took the risk of reopening the Burma Road. Then Herr Hitler had to travel to the Pyrenees to see General Franco and even then could not bring Spain into the war."

"And then Signor Mussolini hurried off to get some compensation for having received only a few crumbs from Herr Hitler from the French spoils with an attack on Greece."

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

"It is the little people of London who have saved Britain and it is the little people of Greece who saved the Battle of Europe," continued Mr. Bartlett. "The refusal to surrender to Signor Mussolini and his armies and the victories in the Western Desert have changed the whole war situation to an extent that would have been unbelievable six months ago."

"We know now that Herr Hitler will try and make one last blow to break down our resistance. We have no illusions about the hardships that lie ahead of us, but we are confident and convinced that Britain can take it and we greet 1941 without fear and we hope you all will do the same."

In his opening remarks, Mr. Bartlett referred to the feelings in Britain before these changes which he outlined came about. "We had a number of dangerous illusions then," he said. "We thought we could scrape through with any profound changes in the social and economic structure in our country, but we have now learned a great deal in the last year."

Mr. Bartlett then went on to

comment on food rationing and the feeling of superiority that some people in Britain felt by reason of the fact that the Germans were short of food before the war began. "We had not begun to realise that we could be blockaded ourselves," he said.

"Then came the Nazi invasion of Denmark and Norway and just as Herr Hitler had won power in his own country by playing on the grievances and fears of the little people, so he began to play on the grievances and fears of the little nations."

MEMORABLE DEBATE

"Then came that memorable debate in the House of Commons early in May. I remember going to the House on the second day and being told that the revolt had failed. To anyone like myself who gets into Parliament as an independent member, without any party influence behind him, there is much excitement and interest in such debates. I saw how party discipline was being broken down, but the large opposition vote was somewhat spoilt by the picture of Mr. Chamberlain, whose sincerity of purpose was not realised at that time, being yelled at by members to resign."

"The Government resigned because the Opposition vote had been large enough to show that it had lost the confidence of the country and a few days later came the fall of Holland and Mr. Churchill was called upon to form the Government. One test part of our luck here was that we had passed our domestic crisis before the collapse of France. There are few of us in England who cannot look back on those weeks without remembering our feelings of anxiety."

WINTER
RELIEF IN
HOLLAND

It is a commonplace that wherever German soldiery sets foot, destitution is rampant. So the former prosperous Holland will now also have her "winter relief," instituted at the behest of Seyss-Inquart, Reich Commissioner for Holland.

It is to be feared that the greater part of the collections will not reach the needy, but will go to strengthen the Nazis.

Holland, traditional country of fishermen, has to import her fish from Scandinavia. This is not only because fishing in the North Sea has become extremely dangerous, but in consequence of German looting, which has created an acute scarcity of food.

NO RESULTS

The German-inspired attempts to form a single political party in the Netherlands have had no results. At a joint meeting of the two largest Protestant parties, recently held in Amsterdam, Dr. Slotemaker de Bruin, an ex-Minister in the Cabinet of Dr. Collin, and leader of the Christian Historical Party, rejected totalitarianism.

"Do not expect of us that we shall, for the sake of national unity, drive out of public life that which is most sacred to us," he said. "Spiritual freedom lies in our blood—freedom of religion, school and opinion."

The Police Commissioner of The Hague has again been obliged to warn the public against sabotage, such as the demolition of military traffic signals placed by the Germans.

MESSAGES BY STORK

Reports from Johannesburg state that the Dutch are "singing storks to tell the world of their plight."

Farmers are said to have found migratory storks dead, with messages. "To brothers in South Africa," printed in marking ink on tape sewn round their legs.

One message said: "We inhabitants of Bergen Op Zoom tell you that the German occupation is just Hell." Another stated that the Dutch people were dying under the injustices of Nazism.

ROOSEVELT'S "FIRESIDE" TALK POINTER TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE NEW YEAR

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.—

Previously acknowledged, \$647-368.38.

The Hongkong Chinese Relief Association being part of the collections from a Flower Day, \$750; Interest up to Dec. 31, 1940, \$236.50. Total: \$648,354.88.

St. John Ambulance First Aid Test

The following candidates qualified in "First Aid to the Injured" as under:—

Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:—John Crookdake, John G. H. Humble, Harry Scott, John Revie, David Anderson, Leo Barkus, Alfred D. Pearson, William Wright, William McMaster, Geoffrey Newhouse, Francis Large.

St. John Ambulance Headquarters:—Nazar Hussain, James Walter Whitmore, Grosvenor Chorley, Miliza Rackovsky, Mabel Chenailoy, Katie Sadick, Beebun Abbas, Norman Noide, Robert Longson, Barbara Redwood, Margaret Lebedeff, Dorothy Margaret Shaw, Sheila Haynes.

Certificates should be ready for collection on or about Jan. 15, 1941, and may be obtained on application to the Secretary, St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road.

OFFICERS' DRESS

Kit Allowance And Style

To the Editor of The Daily Telegraph

Sir,—You correspondent, Mr. Charles Box, in his letter draws some inaccurate conclusions in connection with the outfit allowance and dress of officers. As a serving officer (voluntary) from 1915 to the present day, I can assure him that the department concerned in assessing the outfit

Painful Blow To Japanese Hopes For Rapprochement

President Roosevelt's "fireside" talk in which he bitterly denounced the Axis Powers and appealed to the American nation to convert itself into a "great arsenal of democracy" was interpreted by the TA KUNG PAO yesterday as a clear indication of the trend of the United States foreign policy in 1941, which embraces further positive aid to Britain and China. The report in the New York Herald-Tribune regarding the sale of 400 American planes to China eloquently testifies to this, the paper asserted.

Of particular significance in the President's speech, the paper said, was the part declaring that the Tripartite Alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan is aimed at menacing the United States. This amounted to a virtual refutation of the recent utterances of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka and Admiral K. Nomura, respectively Japanese Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the United States, branding them as mere lies.

It is Japan, and not Germany, who finds the speech most painful to receive, because the latter does not hope for a rapprochement with the United States but the former does, as her Ambassador is on the verge of sailing for America to improve relations between the two countries, the paper pointed out.

The NATIONAL TIMES termed President Roosevelt's speech as representative of the voice of the entire American nation.

It will be warmly received not only by the British people but also by all nations suffering from aggression, the paper said.

NOTICE TO AXIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—By bluntly announcing that he regards the German-Italian-Japanese Pact as directed semi-officially against the United States, the President has put all the three countries on notice that he regards them as potential, if not actual, enemies.

This sentence is contained in the New York Times editorial on President Roosevelt's talk in which it is also stated that the overwhelming majority of the country will agree wholeheartedly with his central thesis that victory of the Axis Powers would mean a "new and terrible era."

"The New York Herald-Tribune describes the address as a 'high

call to action" and says that the President's aim to see the facts as they are is the one guiding aim of all those who have been urging the American people to send aid to Britain.

VICTORY RESERVED

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The Lyons Radio treated President Roosevelt's speech with great care. Comment was that the speech was "as important as had been expected" and that the intensity of the statement that nothing would stop American aid to Britain "goes beyond the limits of official style and is certain to arouse passionate comment all over the world."

Extracts of the speech were quoted by the Lyons Radio but the quotations were remarkable for the fact that many references to National Socialists and their policies were omitted; the summary given was that issued by the German official news agency.

ITALIAN COMMENT

Roosevelt pretends that America is menaced by the Axis, says the Giornale d'Italia, adding that the Axis Powers have been tolerant up to now, but there is a limit to tolerance.

The war, says the newspaper, is being fought to liberate Europe from British domination. It asserts that Britain cannot win the war and that American help would be "sheer waste and not without some risk to herself."

"UTTERLY IRRESPONSIBLE" TOKYO, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The assertion that President Roosevelt's policy is driving the United States closer to war is made by the Japanese newspaper, Yomiuri Shimbun.

President Roosevelt's statement that he believed that the Axis Powers were not going to win the war was dismissed as "utterly irresponsible" and the newspaper adds that whatever the situation may be in the coming year, the responsibility must be borne partly by the United States.

PRESIDENT PLEASED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is greatly pleased at the reaction to his speech. The address brought greater response than to any previous Roosevelt talk, said his Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, making this announcement.

The messages he added were 100 to one in favour of the policy enunciated in the talk.

The bowls match between the Sergeants' Mess, H. K. V. D. C. and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will take place on Jan. 11.



Her Majesty the Queen shaking hands with members of the Women's Ambulance Drivers' Corps during a recent inspection.

CHINA DEFENCE LEAGUE'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO FRIENDS ABROAD

FROM GUERRILLA STRONGHOLDS ON HILL AND PLAIN, CHINA'S DEFENDERS IN 1941 LOOK UPON A WORLD IN FLAMES—THE FLAMES OF WAR FIRST REKINDLED BY JAPAN'S PRESENT RULERS IN MANCHURIA TEN YEARS AGO. To China, in these last years, war has been no stranger. But against the spreading battle-fires in Europe and the Mediterranean, the great historical issues of the Far Eastern conflict are outlined with a new and startling clarity.

ONLY CHINA, MORE PEOPLE NOW WILL ADMIT THEN EVER BEFORE, STANDS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND A SUDDEN VIOLENT EXTENSION OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC. Belatedly China's struggle is recognised for what it has always been: the front line of defence for all potential forces of progress and democracy in the Pacific zone. China's war, these people have seen at last, means more than pity and terror and the hope of a gallant resistance. IT MEANS THE LIFE OR DEATH OF FREEDOM OVER PERHAPS ONE THIRD OF THE GLOBE.

GREATEST STEP

There can be no lasting peace in Asia until Japanese Imperialism has been defeated by the combined efforts of the Chinese and Japanese peoples, with the active support of all true friends of peace and democracy in every land. The China Defence League believes that a Free, United Chinese Republic could be the first and greatest step towards peace in the Pacific, and might yet do much to redress the shaken balance of a warring world.

So now we appeal once more to all our friends abroad, in this fateful year for many nations in both the Old World and the New, AID THE UNITED CHINESE PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, AND HUMAN PROGRESS!

THIRD YEAR:

In 1941, the CHINA DEFENCE LEAGUE carries on into its third full year of activity on behalf of the fighters and victims of China's war.

The League was first established in April, 1938, as a democratic, non-partisan, relief organisation, pledged to two primary objects:—

1. To keep friends abroad informed of the development of China's struggle, and of the greatest needs of China's Wounded, Orphans and Refugees.

2. To collect and distribute Funds and Supplies (strictly for medical, relief, and educational purposes) in aid of the fighting forces and civilians of China wherever their needs was greatest.

In pursuance of these objects, the Central Committee in Hongkong has issued a regular Newsletter and numerous Special Reports; and has maintained close contact with China Relief committees in several countries—notably with two representative British and American organisations, the China Campaign Committee, London; and the China Aid Council, New York. Since its foundation, the League has distributed many hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions from all over the world. It has organised four International Peace Hospital centres in war areas—otherwise entirely without medical services. It has regularly supported the Medical Relief Corps of the Chinese Red Cross, the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, the Northwest Borderland Orphanage, and many other relief projects and institutions in the guerrilla zones.

We believe that the China Defence League has been able to make a valuable contribution to all these practical and productive means for the relief of suffering in war-torn China. Some of these organisations, such as the International Peace Hospitals and the

THE NEW YEAR:

In this New Year, the Central Committee wishes to re-affirm its complete confidence in the ultimate victory of the united Chinese people in their great struggle for liberation and national independence. But we cannot deny that the situation now is graver than ever before. 1941 will be a critical year—perhaps the critical year—in the Far East.

There are two things we wish to say at this time to our friends abroad. One of them is concerned with external affairs and the international situation, the other with Chinese internal affairs.

In the first place, we would remind particularly those countries standing in the "destined path" of Japanese expansion, of the implications of the Japanese Government's new alignment with the Axis Powers, and of the danger which must threaten them if AND WHEN JAPANESE IMPERIALISM, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE AXIS, IS ABLE TO SWING ITS ARMED FORCES SOUTHWARDS INTO THE PACIFIC. Beyond question, the international situation over the last year has developed in ways favouring such a move. Against it, if it came, the combined navies of the Pacific would be a poor substitute for the united Chinese resistance which at present still holds Japan's warlords in check.

We can only point out the obvious answer to this challenge: CLOSER CO-OPERATION AMONG PACIFIC COUNTRIES, INCREASED SUPPORT FOR CHINA, AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL DIRECT OR INDIRECT ASSISTANCE TO JAPAN UNTIL JAPANESE POLICY HAS CHANGED.

PEACE OFFENSIVE:

Second—and directly concerned with this—we must draw attention to the methods by which the Japanese militarists, backed by German and Italian diplomacy, are preparing for their Pacific adventure. Reviving the old slogans of the Anti-Comintern Pact, Japan's ruling groups have lately developed a political "peace offensive" in China, utilising Wang Ching-wei and other agents of disgruntled cliques and factions to stir up internal discord, as a preliminary to withdrawal of Japanese troops for action elsewhere. (The idea of civil strife is overwhelmingly rejected by the vast mass of the Chinese people, who have no desire thus simply to play Japan's game.) But we cannot underestimate the danger of such tactics to Chinese unity today. More than ever before China needs the support of foreign friends to strengthen unity and active progress towards democracy at home.

In this situation, the China Defence League clearly takes its stand for Chinese Unity, Democracy and Continued Resistance.

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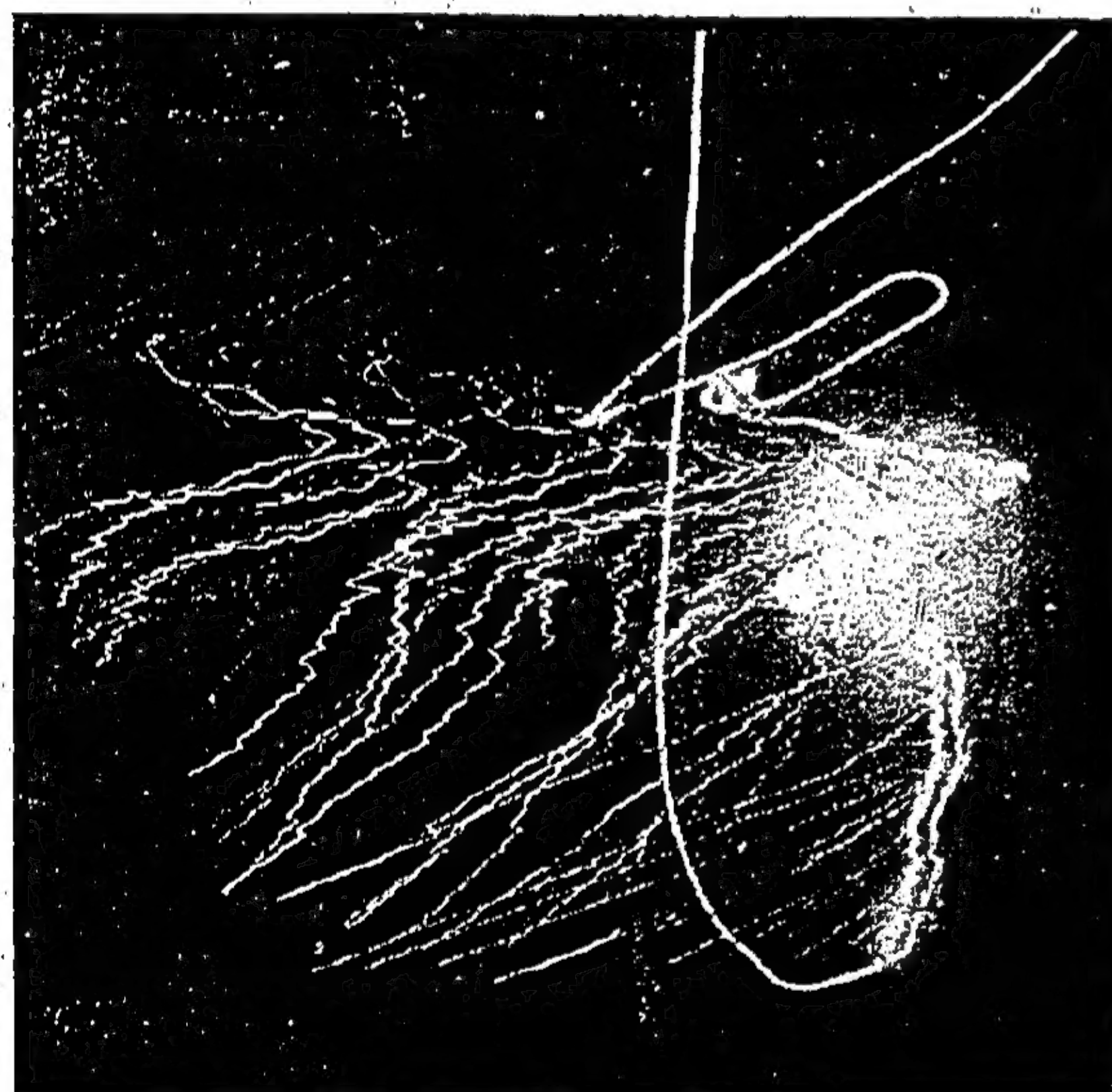
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allowance is in no way responsible for any tendency to lack of smartness or poor quality material—there is very little of the latter.

The kit allowance of £30 is ample at the present time, tax or no tax. A newly joined officer from an O.T.C.U. has already been supplied gratis with all he requires for everyday wear. On being commissioned, all he must purchase are badges of rank, brown boots, stick, gloves, shirts, collars and ties, and revolver holster.

From a sartorial point of view, the war is brought home rather forcibly to one who fancies himself in a well-cut pair of breeches and boots, and now finds himself arrayed in battle-blouse and trousers built by worthy caterers who normally provide for the less discerning public. But one can get used to anything in a good cause!

Yours faithfully,

E. L. S.-M.

Junior Army and Navy Club, S.W.1.

LONDON RAID: HISTORIC BUILDINGS DESTROYED

LONDON, 31 (BWS).—In Sunday night's flagrantly indiscriminate attack on London, states an official communique, there was nowhere any attempt to single out targets of military importance but some of the city's most historic buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged.

No fewer than six famous churches were set on fire and the ancient hall of the Girdlers Company was wrecked.

St. Paul's Cathedral was hit by incendiary bombs but was saved by prompt use of the stirrup pumps by the Cathedral staff.

GUILD HALL FIRE

The incendiaries which fell on the roof of the Guild Hall were similarly extinguished but later flames from the burning Church of Saint Laurence Jewry spread across the small courthouse which remained undamaged and set fire

to the roof of the Guild Hall with disastrous results to a building erected between 1411 and 1435, and to the cost of which the famous Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Whittington—Turn Again Whittington of nursery rhyme—contributed.

It was named Guild Hall because the medieval guilds met there.

PREMIER VIEWS DAMAGE—Much of the damage was seen by the Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill when they visited the scene yesterday. When their presence became known they were accompanied by a great crowd of cheering Londoners.

"Good Old Winston! Give it to them back and remember we can take what we had and much more" was the message given by the city workers.

Firemen perched on the roofs and the grimy demolition squads rested from their labours to cheer Mr. and Mrs. Churchill.

DEATH OF MRS. H. GUTIERREZ

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday of the late Mrs. Hippolyta Gutierrez, wife of Mr. J. A. Gutierrez, the Rev. Fr. Grampa officiated. The deceased is survived by her husband, two sons, Mrs. A. Rozario (mother) and Mrs. M. Abraham (sister).

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, and many wreaths were sent.

H.K.C.C. TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent H.K.C.C. 1st XI against Craighower 1st XI on Saturday, at H.K.C.C.—L.T. Ride (Capt.), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffin, M. P. L. Haynes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson.

China Defence League, Central Committee, T. V. SOONG, President, SOONG CHING LING, (Mrs. Sun Yat-sen), Chairman, HILDA SELWYN-CLARKE, Hon. Secretary.

Parnaby, of Royal Scots, who was ordered off the field during the First Division football match against St. Joseph's, was cautioned at a meeting of the Emergency Committee. The referee, E. O. Ford, did not appear.

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Air Power Is Big Factor In The Mediterranean

Any previous discussion of control of the Mediterranean revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world, writes Major de Seversky, noted aeroplane designer and manufacturer, in the Manila Bulletin.

Little mention, for instance, was made of Crete in the past. Yet today that island to the southeast of Greece seems destined to be the pivotal point in the great struggle for Mediterranean mastery.

COMMANDING CENTRE

That is where the decisive air battle of the campaign are shaping up. One look at the map discloses how Crete, heretofore an inconspicuous island, viewed today through the glasses of air power becomes the logical commanding centre of the entire eastern half of the Mediterranean.

Therefore, the ability of the British, the support of local Greek forces, to hold the island of Crete is thus emerging as the critical question in the Mediterranean campaign. Having occupied the island, the British problem now is to hold it against the air offensive that is unquestionably being prepared by the enemy.

ITALY FOLLOWS NAZI LOGIC

Italy was led to act in Greece just as Germany had to act in Norway, by the logic of their larger plans.

Both enterprises were necessary "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the only counter-weapon they possess, namely their air power. In Scandinavia their task was to encircle the British Isles and in Greece it is to encircle the Suez region.

Axis control of Crete as an aviation stronghold would make the eastern Mediterranean too dangerous for the British fleet. That is the sense in which Crete has become the strategic key to the Mediterranean under modern conditions of air power, just as the strategic naval bases were keys to their particular areas under conditions of sea power.

NORWEGIAN EXPERIENCE

We must assume, however, that the British high command has profited from the experience of the Norwegian reverses. It knows that to control Crete it must prevent establishment of nearby airbases in southern Greece for Axis operations.

More important, it has learned the crucial lesson that it cannot rely on its fleet air arm (the carrier-based aviation) against land-based enemy aircraft. Unless Britain can meet the combined Italian and German air threat with its own air power, it will be merely a question of time before the fleet must retire, as it did in the North sea.

The analogy between the Scandinavian and present Greek campaigns is becoming more and more striking. Because it does not control the air overhead, the British fleet, despite its great strength and daring, can no more break the Italian communications with Greece than it could break the German communications with Norway. The strait of Otranto, between the Italian heel and Albania, is in effect "the Mediterranean skagerrak."

SUPPLY LINES HARASSED

In the Mediterranean, the superior British fleet was free to move in neutral but friendly Greek waters. This interfered seriously with Italy's life lines to Libya and to the Dodecanese islands. The Fascist overland campaign against Egypt was bogged down because of British harassment of the supply lines. It therefore became essential, at almost any price, to bring Axis air force into play against British sea power.

Italian aviation could not manage this alone. We may take it for granted that Mussolini is merely clearing the ground for the collaboration of German aviation.

The Italian bombers—such as the Piaggio, the Caproni and the Savoia-Marchetti—have a long reach, and impressive striking power, but they are extremely vulnerable to pursuit attacks because they lack defensive armament. Even more important, Mussolini lacks the pursuit fighters to convoy his bombers effectively.

MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE

Hitler must therefore make up the difference by contributing enough Messerschmitts and other fighters to give the Axis a well-balanced air weapon.

But contrary to popular conception, most of the equipment of German air power is unable to carry on except at fairly close

range. It is by no means a self-sufficient air arm, having been built for co-ordinated action with land forces. To extend its operations German aviation as now constituted must move its line of operating bases quite close to its target.

The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies and establish new airbases. That is why there was an interval of more than a month between the occupation of Norwegian coastal points by the British and their expulsion by Nazi air attack.

COSTLY LAND OPERATIONS

Another, such time interval is just as unavoidable before the combined German-Italian aviation can go after Crete.

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautical science.

We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

If the Italians should evermore back into northern Greece, Britain will need land-based aviation equal to what can be brought against it by Italo-German air power in order to retain Crete.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN SHANGHAI

Sequel To Shooting Incidents

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31 (Central)—Strict precautionary measures have been enforced by the Japanese in areas outside the International Settlement and the French Concession in Shanghai since yesterday morning, according to a report from the metropolis.

All vehicles and pedestrians are subjected to rigorous searches before they are allowed to proceed to Nantao and Hongkew.

Several shooting incidents have occurred in the Japanese occupied areas in the Shanghai outskirts in the past few days.

A Chinese coolie carrying some rice was shot at and wounded by a Japanese gendarme at Yushanwan, near Sincaw, yesterday morning.

And it must retain Crete to make the eastern Mediterranean tenable for the British navy. Even Hurricanes will not suffice.

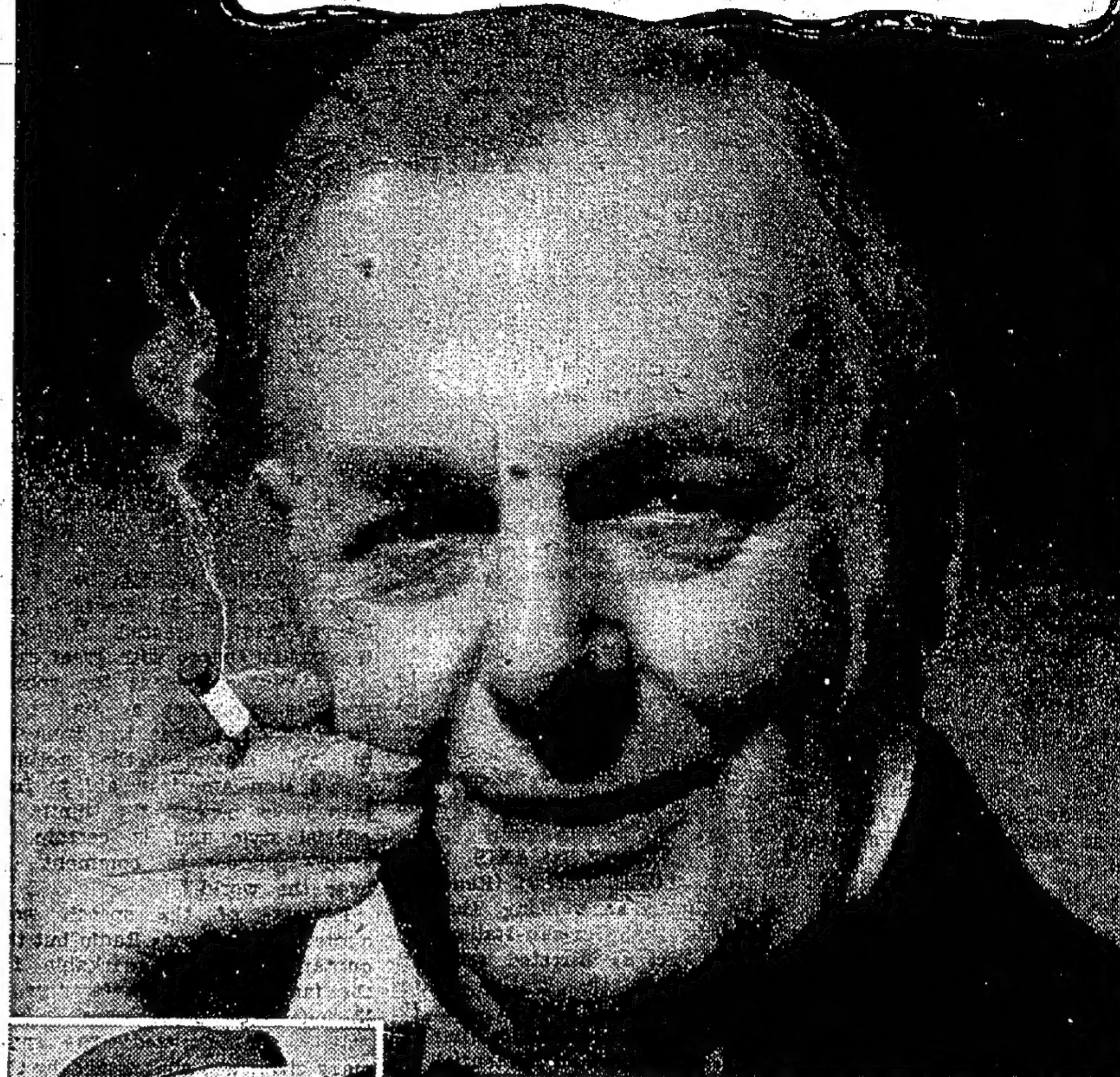
SPITFIRES NECESSARY

At least Spitfires will be necessary, because new Italian fighter types such as the improved Macchi and Bredas, as well as the German Messerschmitts, can tackle the Hurricanes.

It is here, perhaps, that the American aviation contribution will have its real baptism of fire. Luckily for the British, the latest American are more than a match for the Axis aircraft.

The air factor will tell the story. Much will depend, obviously on the measure in which Churchill can divert air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean positions. In that sense the chief reason, in fact, why Hitler must keep up his attack on the British Isles

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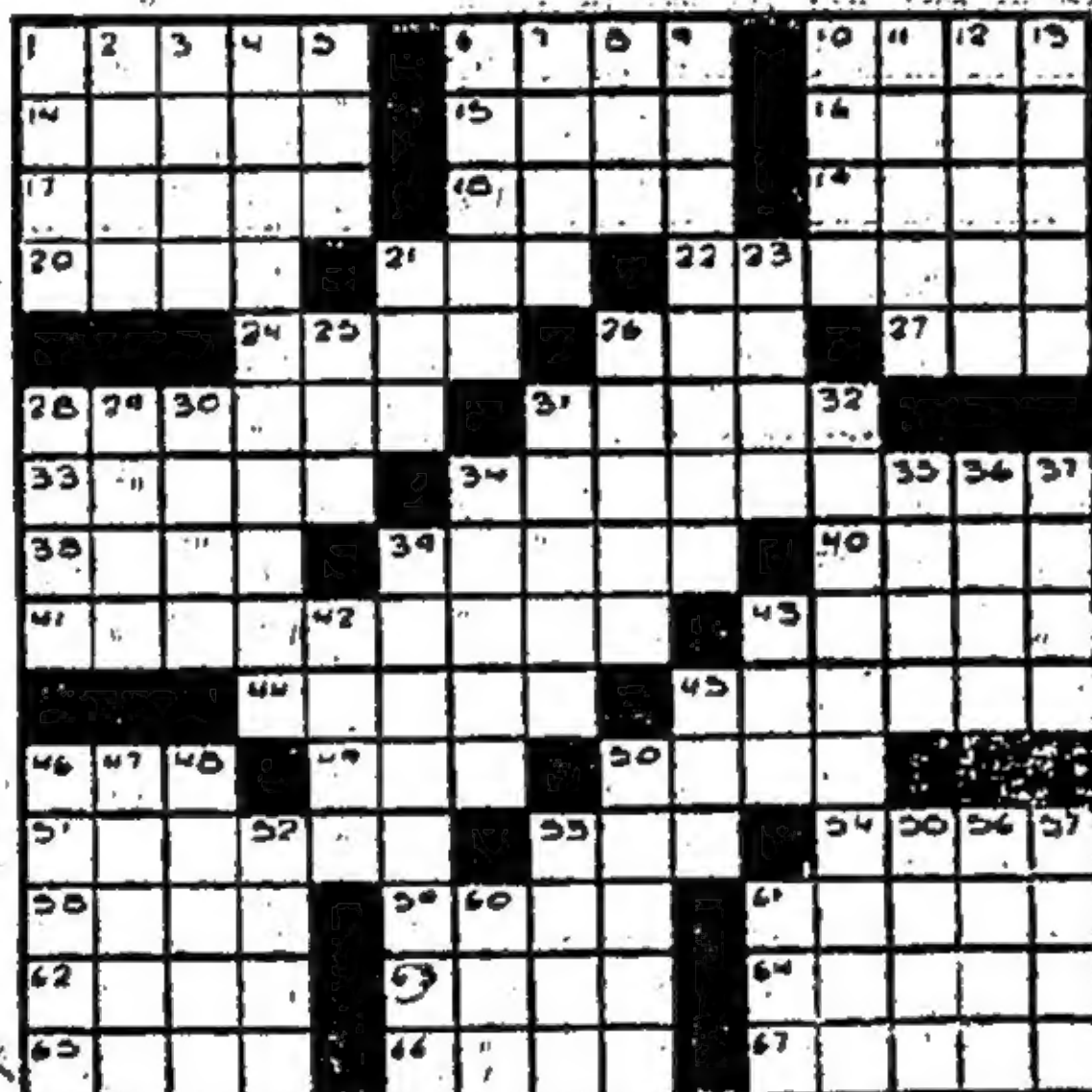
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- 24 Birthstone for October
- 26 For
- 27 Cease
- 28 Trembling
- 31 High, steep rock
- 33 Fastening pin
- 34 Piece of wood to throw rain water clear of wall
- 38 Lave out
- 39 Loud, ringing sound
- 40 Barrel
- 41 Instrument for transmitting the voice
- 43 Price painfully
- 44 Cook by exposure to radiant heat
- 45 Revolve
- 48 Thick, fleshy shrub
- 49 Employ
- 50 Term in mathematics
- 51 Vessel used in distilling
- 53 False head covering
- 54 Grate harshly upon



- 58 Seed covering
- 59 Wild goat
- 61 Mottled
- 62 Threshold
- 63 Seasoning
- 64 Make entrance
- 65 Bristle
- 66 Whirlpool
- 67 Staring with surprise
- DOWN
- 1 Strike hands noisily
- 2 Govern
- 3 Soon
- 4 Instrument for measuring angles
- 5 Unit of work
- 6 Pertaining to rise and fall of water
- 7 An entrance
- 8 Sheltered side
- 9 Purveying
- 10 Wain
- 11 Brownish yellow
- 12 Corolla bird
- 13 Inclination
- 14 Pile of fish
- 15 An attic
- 16 Cooking utensil
- 26 Level
- 28 Gait of horse
- 29 Hoar frost
- 30 Pernicious
- 31 Talk monotonously
- 32 Showering attention upon
- 34 Saut elaborate melody
- 35 Slight coloring
- 36 Rim
- 39 Polish
- 42 Gush
- 43 Male child
- 45 Equip
- 46 Volcanic tuff
- 47 Weird
- 48 In a tilted manner
- 50 A cardinal number
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- 53 Unite by fusing heat
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- 56 A pace
- 57 Ponder intently
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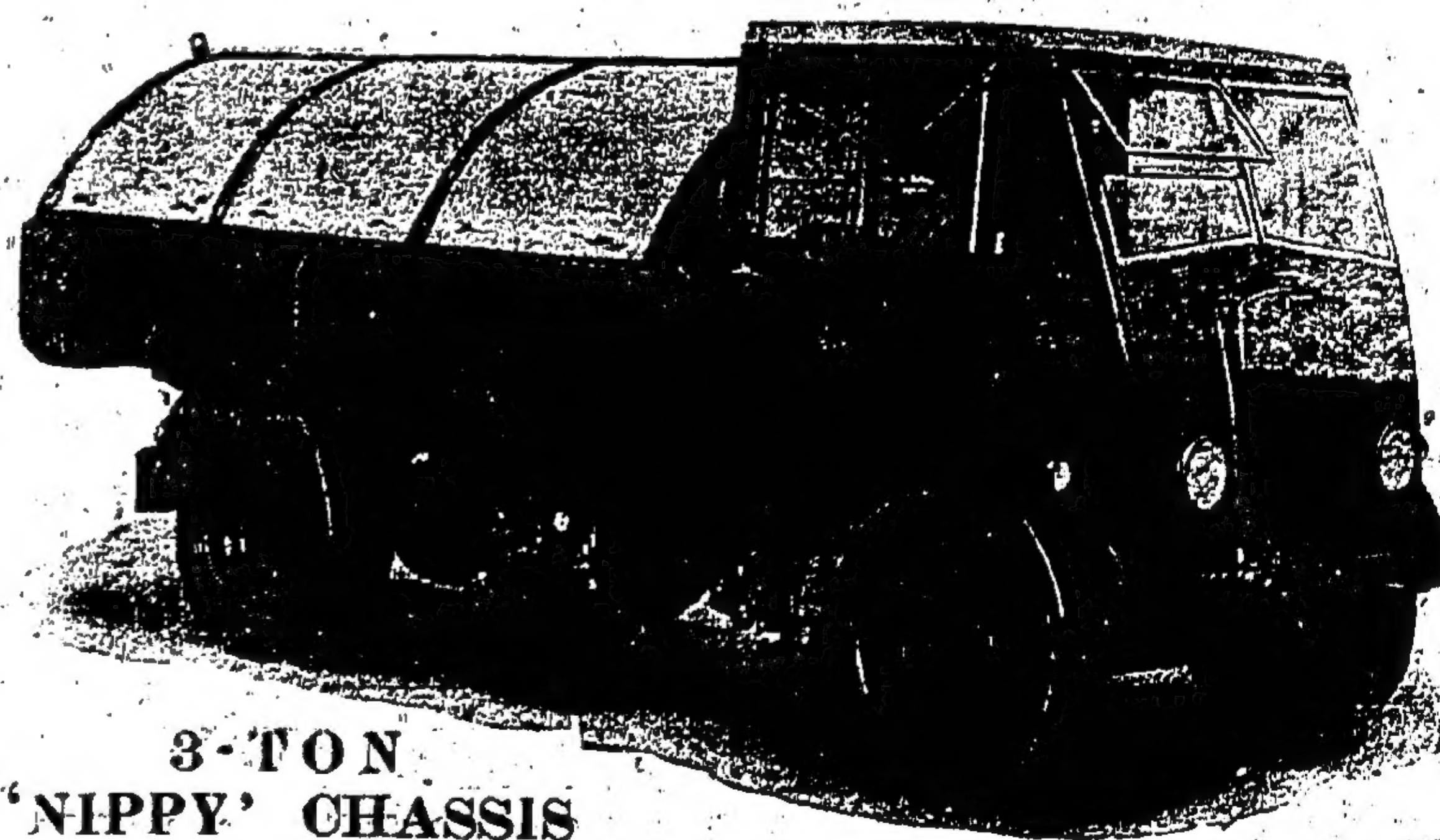
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Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	—
On demand	416
On Singapore:	—
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	—
On demand	102 1/2
On India:	—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2	
and demand	82 1/2
On New York:	—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/8	
On Batavia:	—
On demand	43 3/4
On Paris:	—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	—
On demand	101 1/2
On Manila:	—
On demand	48 3/4
On Bangkok:	—
On demand	149
On Sterling Notes:	—
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/8

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 31 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-7/16	0/3-7/16
New York	5-7/16	5-7/16
Japan	23-1/8	23-1/8
Indian	19	19
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-7/8	22-7/8

Sterling	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-17/32	0/3-33/64
Dec.	0/3-17/32	0/3-33/64
Jan.	0/3-1/2	0/3-31/64

U.S. Dollars	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-9/16	\$5-17/32
Dec.	5-9/16	5-17/32
Jan.	5-17/32	5-1/2

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 22 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 30 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.	
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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 27.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952)	103
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Antion-K'loon Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	18 1/2
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911... (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911... (German Issue)	13
Ling Tsing & U Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	18
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	32
Ger. 7% Int. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	77
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	82
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16/3
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2/-
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 29 Close	Dec. 29 Opening	Dec. 29 Closing	Change
S P O T	37-3/4	37-3/4	37-3/4	37-3/4	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-5/8	37-5/8	37-1/2	37-1/2	off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-3/8	36-3/8	36-1/4	36-1/4	off 1/8

The market was dull.

The market will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1941 (New Year's day).

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	12	12	
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	Unreceived
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	12-1/4	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4	12-1/4	

The market will be closed on January 1, 1941 (New Year's day).

NEW YORK COTTON: The market was firm on price-fixings and on scarcity of contracts. There is general belief that higher prices are necessary to check persistent holdings.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Steady on the strength of the foreign markets.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Trading was on a moderate scale. Sentiment inclines to be slightly bullish.

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on tomorrow, Jan. 1, 1941 (New Year's day).

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.11; Today's close, 131.04; Change, up .97.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.40	10.30	10.29	.10 up
New York Rubber, March	20.20	20.20	20.05	.12 up
Chicago Wheat, May	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	63	62 1/2	62 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, March	13.16	13.00	12.93	.15 up

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	10.13 N	10.15b/20a	10.26 N	.08 up
March	10.29/30	10.30/30	10.39/40	.10 up
May	10.23/23	10.25/25	10.34/34	.11 up
July	10.03/04	10.08/08	10.11/11	.08 up
October	9.48/48	9.49/49	9.59/59	.11 up
December	9.48/48	9.45b/58a	9.54 N	.08 up
Spot	10.30 N	10.40 N	10.40 N	.10 up

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	20.20b/27a	20.26b	20.35b	.15 up
March	20.05/05	20.10b/25a	20.12b	.07 up
May	19.90/90	20.00b/07a	20.00/00	.10 up
July (New contract)	19.70b	19.80b/90a	19.85/85	.15 up

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	87 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	1/2 off
July	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1/2 up
September	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1/2 up

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	62 1/2	63	62 1/2	1/2 up
July	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	1/2 up
September	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.93b/94a	13.16/00	13.08b/10a	.15 up
June	12.86/66	12.83/80	12.83/83	.17 up

Total sales for the day:—147 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 43-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	87 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	1/2 off
July	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1/2 up
September	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1/2 up

Saturday's sales:—1,167,000 bushels.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

DECEMBER 31, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 30	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 30
Adams Express	6 1/2		Loew's Inc.	31 1/2	
Alliaghany Steel Co.	24 1/2		Loft Incorporated	17 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	36		Mack Truck Inc.	31 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	71		Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2	
Amer. Can.	37 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25	
Amer. Cyanamid B.	37 1/2		Montgomery Ward	37 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	3		Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	14 1/2		National Aviation	10 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	23	
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2		National Distillers	23	
Amer. Radiator	7		National Lead	17 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	7	
Amer. Sugar & Refining Co.	49 1/2		National Supply Corp.	5 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2		New York Central	14 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	3	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	7 1/2		N. American Aviation	16 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	67		North American Co.	15 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	27		Northern Pacific	6 1/2	
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	18 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	47 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	31		Pan-American Airways	15 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2		Paramount Pictures	40 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2		Philadelphia Read. Coal	3/16	
Bethlehem Steel	86 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	19 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	23 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2		Pullman Inc.	25 1/2	
Borg-Warner	18 1/2		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	25 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2		Reading Company, Com	13 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2	
Case, J.I.	53 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Celanese	27 1/2		Republic Steel	22 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	43		Revere Corp.	10 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	73 1/2		Reynold Tobacco "B"	30 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44		Safeway Stores	42 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2		Schenley Distillers	11 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	4		Sears Roebuck	7 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2		Shell Union Oil	10 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2		Soccony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2	
Continental Can	38 1/2		Southern Pacific	8 1/2	
Continental Oil	19 1/2		Southern Ry. \$5 pfd.	21 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	38	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2		Standard Gas & Elec.	1	
Deere & Co.	21 1/2		Standard Oil of California	18	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	7 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	77 1/2		Stone & Webster	7 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	183 1/2		Spidebaker Com.	7 1/2	
Eagle Fisher Lead	10 1/2		Swift International	17 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34		Technicolor	9	
Elec. Autolite	34		Texas Corp.	39 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	36 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	64 1/2		Timken-Axle	34 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	64 1/2		Trans-America Co.	44	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	6	
Flintkote	15		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	69 1/2	
Gen. Electric	32 1/2		Union Pacific	76 1/2	
Gen. Motors	48 1/2		United Aircraft	42 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2		United Corp.	14	
Glidden Co.	13 1/2		United Corp. \$3 cum pt.	2 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2		United Gas Corp.	8	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	61 1/2		United Gas Improvement	10	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	19 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	15		U.S. Rubber	22 1/2	
Great Northern Rly.	19 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	84 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	11 1/2		U.S. Smelting	64	
Greyhound Corp.	69		U.S. Steel	70	
Hercules Powder Co.	51 1/2		Vanadium	34 1/2	
Homestake Mining	51 1/2		Valtee Aircraft	8 1/2	
Int. Nickel	23 1/2		Walworth Co.	5 1/2	
Inter. Paper & Power	15 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	23	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	104 1/2	
Kenecott Copper	37 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2	
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4		Chase National Bank	33 1/2	
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	43 1/2		National City Bank	27 1/2	
Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2				

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940	Dec. 28	Dec. 31, 1940	Change
High	152.80	111.84	130.11	.97 up
Low	111.84	30	131.56	.14 up
Dow Jones Averages	32.67	22.15	27.88	.01 off
Industrials	32.67	22.15	27.88	.01 off
Utilities	18.80	20.00	19.60	.26 up
Bonds	90.47	90.72	90.72	.15 up
Commodity Index	64.07	48.47	56.79	

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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market closed quietly steady.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.50.
Canton Ins., \$200.
Union Ins., \$400.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.
Wharves, \$93.
Providents, \$5.70.
Trams, \$17.75.
Star Ferries, \$61.
Yaumati Ferries, \$24.
Electric (O), \$40.
Electric (N), \$39.75.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.50.
Ropes, \$7.10.
Watsons, \$10.60.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions (O), \$1.60.

SELLERS

Wharves, \$93.
Trams, \$18.
Dairy Farms, \$19.
Watsons, \$10.70.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

SALES

H.K. Fire Ins., \$160.
Providents, \$5.70.
Lights Rts., \$1.25.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted
on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1940.

SALES

China Providents	1,000	\$ 7.70
China Lights Rts.	375	1.25
	125	1.25
	230	1.25
	770	1.25
	500	1.25
	1,000	1.25
	50	1.25
	125	1.25
	1,000	1.25
	125	1.25
	450	1.25
	48	1.25
H.K. Docks (O)	200	18.30
A. S. Watsons	500	10.50
	6,498	

The total value is \$20,605.00.

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/8 for Ready and 23 1/16 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot. The London/New York cross rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Cash, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 426 and at the close there were sellers at 224 1/2, buyers at 425 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3.33/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5.9/16, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 January, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 Cash.

Germans Admit Hardship Of Conquered

An article in the current issue of Das Reich seeks to explain to Germans why occupied countries are not yet enthusiastic about Nazism.

"Let us reflect what we have to offer at the moment: No coffee, rationing, an English blockade, a severe form of organization, no trade by sea, air attacks and war."

It is acknowledged these are hard prices to pay for a better life in the future, and the countries like Holland, Denmark and Norway are not used to such sacrifices. Then, significantly and revealingly, the article continues:

"The German people, too, has pulled itself together on the strength of its hopes, has fed its enthusiasm on promises and has been brought up on sacrifices. That which is to be must first be believed and becomes a reality only because it is believed."

"What are Norwegians to think? How can Dutchmen despise their comfortable past or Danes read from rationing signs of a greater future?"

The writer then dwells briefly on the pleasant conditions in these countries before the war.

FOUNDING AN EMPIRE

The future mapped out for occupied countries is made abundantly plain. Towards the end of the article, which is a kind of editorial, Das Reich lifts the veil thus:

"Despite all, we hope for a Scandinavian and Dutch youth which with us will change Europe and the world belonging to Europe, which will take up the cry directed to it to participate in laying the foundation stone of the great Germanic Empire long-lingering for the day when beneath the swastika, weapon in hand, they may do their honourable duty as bearers of the new ideal which is to decide the fate of the coming centuries."

After dwelling on the virtues of bravery and sacrifice as opposed to the weaknesses of the old regimes, the article states, "Everywhere someone must give orders and bear the whole responsibility and the others must be proud to be able to obey."

NECESSARY SUBJUGATION

Then it adds somewhat cryptically: "Imperium—Germanicum—is not a longed-for dream, or at least will not remain so. It is true that German bayonets are sharpened, but war and the necessary resulting subjugation is not an end in itself. Our dead did not fall to enable their descendants to keep slaves, but above all to enable the Germanic people to be freed from an age without history."

Presumably, the Dutch and Scandinavians are expected to bear up under the knowledge that their sons will perhaps be allowed to join with Germany in ruling the lesser European nations.

HARBOUR OFFICE HOLIDAY

Today being a general holiday, the Mercantile Marine and Entry and Clearance Offices, Harbour Department, will be open only from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Junk Office will be open from 11 a.m. to noon.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 428 1/2, buyers at 429.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3.33/64 and closed at 3.31/64. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.9/16 and last advices reported sellers at 5 1/2 for Spot.

A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 31, 1940

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

CANES

District and Deputy District Wardens may carry the approved canes which may be obtained at a cost of 30 each on application to the Training Officer. Under no circumstances are other than the approved canes permitted.

UNIFORMS

All uniforms berets, badges and Identity Discs of those wishing to resign or go on leave for 30 days or more, or wishing to go on leave out of the Colony must be returned. In the case of Resignation to A.R.P. Headquarters, and in the case of leave to Divisional Warden, before permission for resignation or leave will be given.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:-

1437 Miss Chan May-hing, Aberdeen, on joining Medical Services; 1515 W. A. Hawkes, Gough Hill, on leaving the Colony.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

2587 Miss Woo-sum, Mongkoktsui, to 55 Bridges St., 1st floor, Upper Levels; 2804 Lee Hing-to, Shamshui-po, to 236 Chatham Road, 1st floor, Hunghom; 1922 Miss Kim Ying, Shamshui-po, to 2 Wah Fung Street, Hunghom; 1461 Chan Pak-hong, Aberdeen, to 2 Fo Tuck Street, 2nd floor, Western; 2960 (T) A. Yung, Central, to 124 Shanghai Street, 2nd floor, Yaumati.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1426 Cheung Ru-ka, Aberdeen, is granted 2 months leave on private affairs. Dep. Divisional Warden Tsui Leung, Aberdeen, is granted 2 weeks sick leave as from Dec. 28.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from Dec. 31.

1418 Deputy District Warden M. Tse "B", Aberdeen, to be District Warden "B"; 1409 Group Warden Yu Hoi-yuen, Aberdeen, to be Deputy District Warden "B".

PROMOTIONS

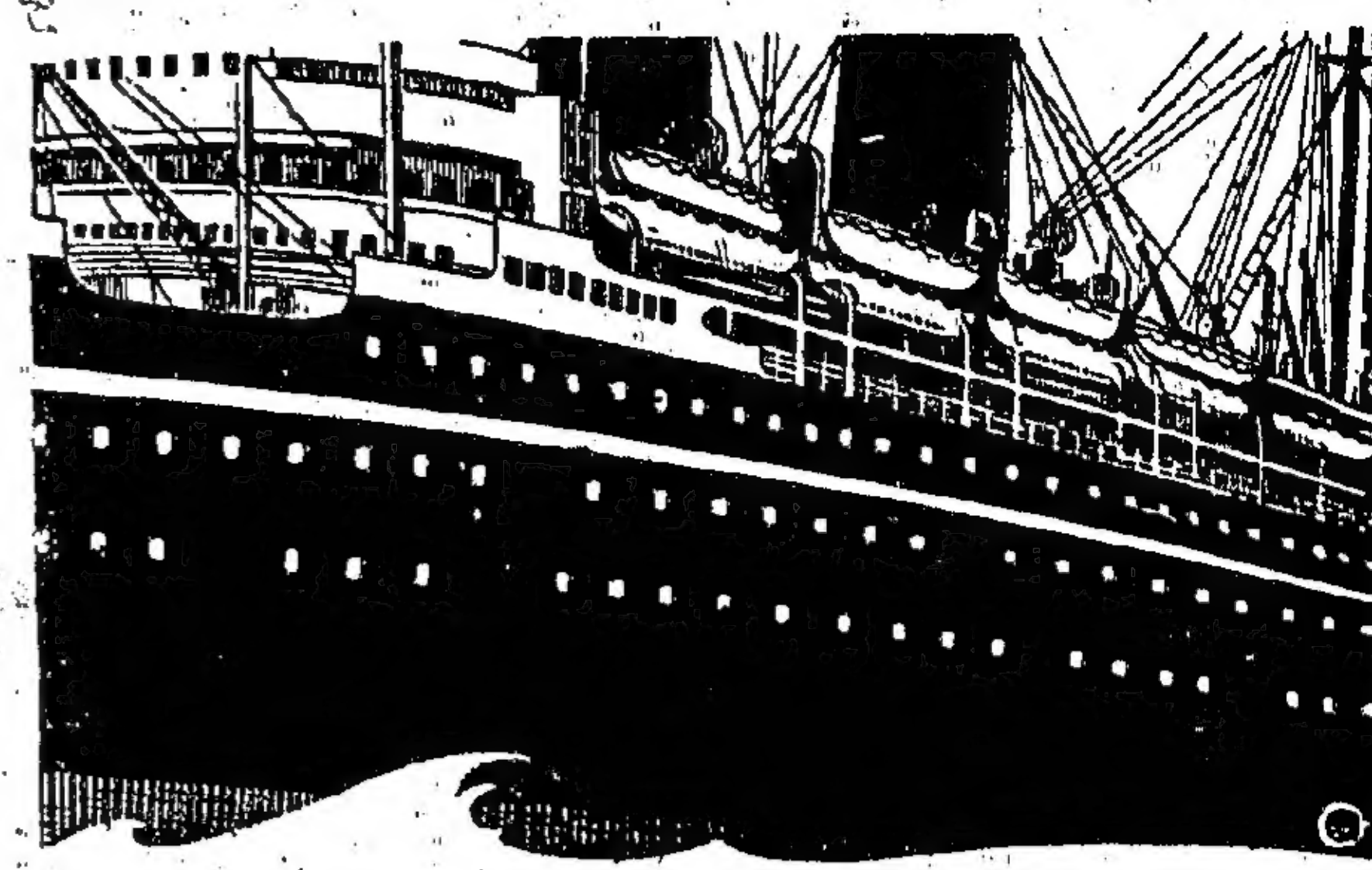
The following appointments are notified with effect from Dec. 31.

Western.—S/W 1122 Chan Po-sum to be Group Warden, Aberdeen.—To be Senior Warden.—1459 Miss Yuen Sai-yau, 1408 Leung Shing, 1458 Miss L. Moran, 3056 Ding Fong-hang; To be Deputy Senior Warden.—3057 Kang Chi-fung, 3045 Chan Tze, 1449 Tang Wing-hor, 1452 Wong Wai-hung, 1454 So Hon-hor; To be Group Warden (Records Clerk).—1455 S/W Chan Kim-ming.

(Sgd.) B. H. FUCKLE,
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

MARINERS WARNED

A notice to mariners with reference to Johore Strait was issued by the Harbour Office yesterday, containing the information that the Spoil Ground no longer exists and all the buoys have been withdrawn. Chart affected is Admiralty Chart No. 2586.



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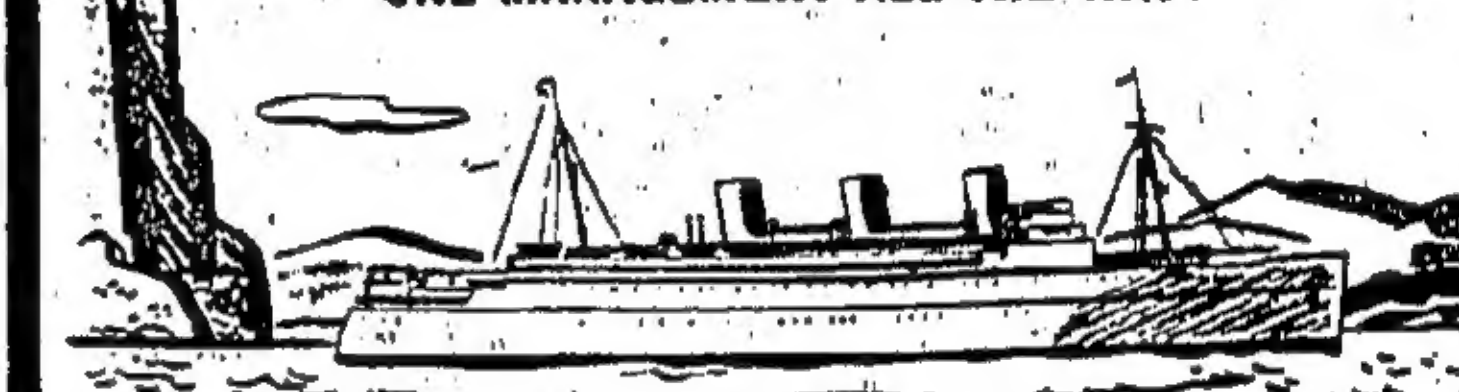
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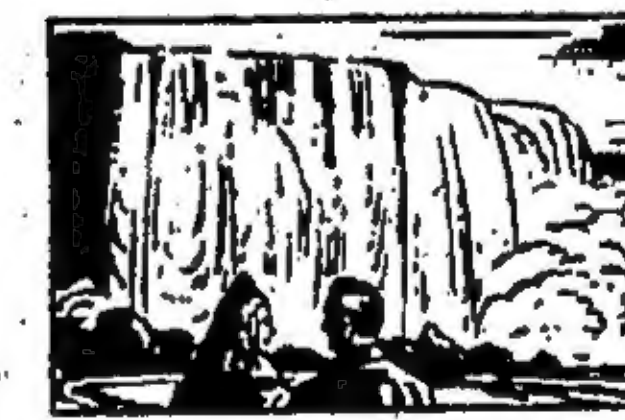
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Round The Police Courts

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF COAL

Four coal coolies charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday with larceny of 16 bags of coal, belonging to the Dairy Farm Co., at Sugar Street, were each fined \$5, or 10 days.

A fifth man, Au Hing, 24, shop fook, charged with receiving was discharged on his plea of not guilty being accepted by the Police.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

STOLE FROM HOTEL

For stealing a blanket from the Stag Hotel, Leung Po-ming, 22, broker, and Kwok Yau, 25, 25, fook, were bound over by Mr. Lowry.

Det.-Sgt. Cochrane prosecuted.

WOLFRAM ORE THIEVES

Fines of \$10, or 14 days each, were imposed on Tse Tin-tung, 42, unemployed, and Siu Yam, 29, unemployed, on separate charges of larceny of 20 cabbages of wolfram ore, before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Cochrane prosecuted.

CONCUBINE FINED

Charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with bringing into the Colony two wards of the S.C.A., Wong Pui-king, aged 8, and Wong Pui-chun, 7, and failing to give notice within one week, a concubine, Chan Wan, 26, of No. 18 Wellington Street, second floor, was fined \$15 on the first count and cautioned on the second.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., prosecuted.

TREE CUTTERS FINED

Ho Kau, 36, gardener, employed at No. 174, The Peak, appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday charged with the unlawful possession of a pine tree on the hillside at Mount Kellet on Tuesday, and was fined \$50 or 10 weeks.

It was alleged that the saw used by the defendant in cutting down the tree belonged to Sir Robert Ho Tung. Sgt. Willerton prosecuted.

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon for similar offences, at Jardine's Hill, five women were bound over. Sgt. Fitzpatrick prosecuted.

\$200 FINE

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on charges of impersonating a police officer at No. 329 Lockhart Road, ground floor, and with demanding \$200 from Wan San, 27, iron worker, Tam Chan, 24, unemployed, was fined \$200, or three months.

LORRY DRIVER FINED

Summoned before Mr. Sheldon for driving lorry No. 1074 without due care and caution on Dec. 18 at Queen's Road East, Lan Yung was fined \$25.

AT KOWLOON

DEMANDED MONEY

Sentence of six months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion was imposed by Mr. Himsforth yesterday on Wan Ki-chen, 23, Yu Pak-sang, 23, and Leung Hol-wai, 32, for demanding \$10 from the master of the Wah On shirt makers with menaces. Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison prosecuted.

RICE DEALER FINED

Summoned before Mr. Himsforth yesterday for selling rice at a price in excess of the maximum set by the Food Controller, Lee Tan, manager of Kwong Wao Cheung rice shop, No. 34, Nga Tsin Wai Road, was fined \$150.

STOLE COAL

Convicted of larceny of 443 pounds of coal from the Royal Naval Dockyard, a boat mistress, Fung Mui, 58, was fined \$150 by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

ACCUSED REMANDED

Leung Wal-shum, 30, and Wong Fung-ying, 25, married woman, were charged before Major Macfadyen with possession of forged pawn tickets and five forged dies and with conspiracy to defraud by selling the forged pawn tickets, and were remanded for three days.

FORGERY ALLEGED

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday on charges of uttering a forged \$1 Government bank note and possession of seven others, Wan Wah, 34, was remanded for three days in custody.

BAILS ESTREATED

Chang Wan-chen, 32, who failed to appear before Mr. Himsforth yesterday on a charge of keeping a common gaming house at No. 1, Cinarvon Road had bail of \$100 estreated. Eight others, charged with gambling, each had bail of \$2 estreated. \$5.03 was placed in the Poor Box.

BUS DRIVER CHARGED

A collision between bus No. 746 of the Kowloon Bus Co. Ltd. and a



Mr. J. B. Priestley (left), world-famous for his novels, plays, and radio talks, shares the microphone with Mr. Leslie Howard, internationally popular as a stage and film star.

EXHIBITION SOFTBALL:

Navy, H.K. Baseballers To Stage Battle-Royal Today

BY R.O.Y.

Giving the U. S. Naval lads a chance of displaying their wares, the local Association has arranged a special exhibition match between the Navy and the Hongkong Baseballers at 2 p.m. today, at the Kowloon Football Club ground.

Baseball enthusiasts, of course know the capabilities of the Min-danao stalwarts but few have been seen this season on the 'softball diamond. Combined with the best of the "Tulsa" outfit, they should give fans plenty of entertainment when they stack up against the powerful Mohawk tribe, that has been giving local softball squads quite a shake-up this past season.

"Horse-face" Douglas will be in charge of the sailor gang and others on view will be Tony Mascavage, Ski Powlowski, Crooner Ruel, Willie Wilson and "Poochie" Chase. From the Tulsa will be Pete Peterson, Norton and Shanty Moore, who have been prime favourites with the fans for some time.

Manager Chuck Waggoner of the Baseballers will line-up "Screwball" Jones hurling to Joe Morris, Ernie Hearther at the initial sack, Davis at the Keystone, Leight at third and Pete Fitch at short. Gardeners will be Reardon, Hank Sperry and Rowlands, so the blue-jackets look like having a hard time.

One thing fans can be sure of and that is a real battle-royal will be served up for their twenty cents admission charge that will go to help the Bomber Fund.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 31.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.18 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4

Temperature: Maximum yesterday, 68 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 59 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.69 ins.

Against an average of, 85.18 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.49 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.03 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 31.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 74 per cent.

Wind Direction, E

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 59 F.

Rainfall, nil.

lorry of the United Delivery at Castle Peak Road, near the 154-mile post, causing the death of four Chinese, had a sequel before Major Macfadyen yesterday.

Tang Sang, 30, driver of the bus, was charged with manslaughter and driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Insp. Brittain asked for a week's remand which was granted. Defendant is on \$500 bail.

MARINE COURT

Leung Kam-shing, 34, master of Class II boat No. 2858V, and three others, were fined \$3 each by the Marine Magistrate, Cmdr. T. C. Stiff, yesterday, when they pleaded severally guilty to having anchored their boats a distance of less than 100 yards from the low water mark near the Tung On Wharf between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. yesterday morning.

COUNTY CUP FOOTBALL

FIXTURES FOR JAN. 4

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The first part of the football League programme is being completed on Dec. 28, the Clubs are competing in the various County Cup competitions beginning on Jan. 4 until the League's War-Cup competition starts on Feb. 9.

The following are the fixtures of the various competitions which will commence on Jan. 4:—

LONDON CUP (Sect. "A")—Aldershot v. Chelsea; Brentford v. Crystal Pal; Fulham v. Queen's P.R. (Sect. "B")—Millwall v. West Ham; Reading v. Arsenal; Tottenham v. Clapton O.

MIDLAND CUP—Luton v. Wat-sall; Lincoln v. Notts F.; Leicester v. Stoke; Mansfield v. Northampton; Notts C. v. West Bromwich.

WEST RIDING CUP—Bradford C. v. Middlesbrough; Chesterfield v. Leeds; Halifax v. Huddersfield; York v. Bradford.

LANCASHIRE CUP—Blackburn v. Manchester U.; Blackpool v. Bury; Bolton v. Oldham; Chester v. Southport; Liverpool v. Everton; Manchester C. v. Rochdale; Wrex-ham v. New Brighton.

NORTH REGIONAL—Grimsby v. Sheffield U.; Newcastle v. Barnsley; Sheffield W. v. Rother-ham; Stockport v. Preston.

SOUTH REGIONAL—Cardiff v. Swansea.

The Cup matches are being played on the home and away principle, the venues being reversed for matches to be played on Jan. 11.

SMALL AREAS RUGBY

In the Small Units Rugby League at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, 5th A.A. Regiment beat 12th Heavy Regt. A.A. by eight points to nil, while 3-3. Signals drew with Royal Army Service Corps 3-3.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Dr. N.C. Meleod presided yesterday at the meeting of the Urban Council.

Three applications for eating house restaurant and milk shop licences were refused.

Licences granted by the Council during the past fortnight were food factories 1, food shops 2, milk shops 1 and eating houses 1.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 1 to 7 Jan. 1941.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	1	h.m.	f.m.	h.m.	f.m.		
		12.48	4.7			05.47	0.9
Thur.	2	13.30	7.2			16.44	1.6
		13.33	4.8			08.24	1.3
Fri.	3	14.18	6.9			17.27	3.7
		00.16	6.1			08.59	1.6
Sat.	4	15.06	5.0			18.17	3.0
		00.45	5.4			09.18	2.4
Sun.	5	15.62	6.1			20.54	4.3
		01.29	4.8			09.04	3.7
Mon.	6	16.38	5.4			22.48	4.0
		02.42	4.3			09.43	3.0
Tues.	7	17.18	5.6				

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1941, 8.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	2nd Jan.
Formosa	2nd Jan.
Canton	2nd Jan.
Java and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	4th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th December	6th Jan.
Sandakan	6th Jan.
Canton	7th Jan.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 14th December)	8th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	8th Jan.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 13th December)	9th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 3rd January	10th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	11th Jan.
United-kingdom and Straits	16th Jan.
United-kingdom and Straits	18th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	
Haiphong	Thu. 2nd 10.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 2.00 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 2.00 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Ord. 2.30 PM
	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada & United Kingdom).	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Note:—All Mails for United-Kingdom will be forwarded with or without superscription	
Canton	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
	Fri. 3rd
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Manila and United-Kingdom	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
	Sat. 4th
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 3/1 5.00 PM
	Reg. 4/1 8.45 AM
	Ord. 4/1 9.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Manila and United-Kingdom	5.30 PM
SUNDAY	
	Sun. 5th
	8.30 AM
	8.30 AM
MONDAY	
	Mon. 6th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 8.00 AM
	Ord. 9.30 AM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 8.00 AM
	Ord. 9.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Par. 4/1 5.00 PM
	Reg. 6/1 8.45 AM
	Ord. 6/1 10.30 AM
	G.P.O.
	Par. 4/1 5.00 PM
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	Ord. 6/1 10.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Manila, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	2.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	
	Wed. 8th
	8.30 AM
	7.00 PM

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